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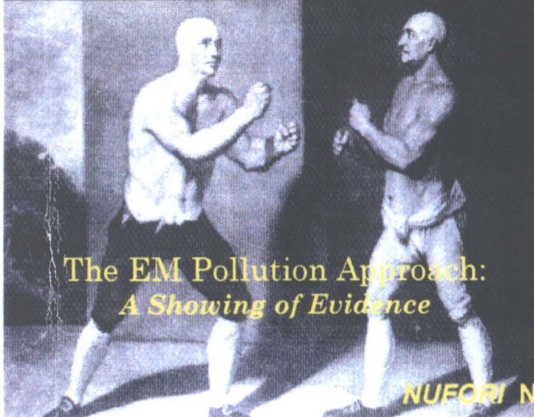
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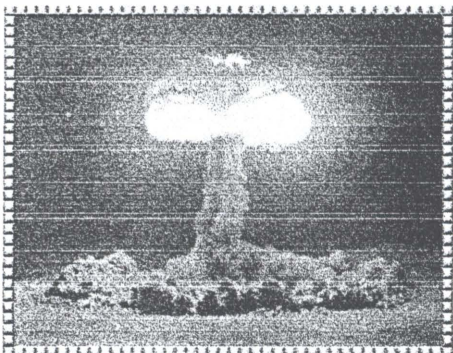
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This issue's Bishop Len who deserves a big kick up the arse: Andy Roberts.

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EDITORIAL

SOMETHING FISHY

Welcome parishioners!

I started off the last issue of Strange Daze by saying that the "second half of 1997 was quite extraordinary", and readers will know that I took over the editorship of BUFORA's magazine **UFO Times**. I also said that "It looks as though things are settling down within BUFORA (the British UFO Research Association) now" - how wrong can you be? The **UFO Times** job didn't last long, about 9 months; there was no money forthcoming to print another issue (despite UT46 being ready) and the BUFORA Bulletin, a two sided news sheet that I sent out to members received a luke warm reception and no more money from BUFORA for more issues. So, having decided that there was no point in being editor of a magazine that didn't actually exist, I then decided to pack in.

The last nine months has been a waste of time in many ways, but it is also eye-opening to see how a large organisation within UFOlogy such as BUFORA operates (or doesn't operate, as the case may be). My time in the hot seat was an endless round of politics, criticism and confrontation, based mostly on personal differences and personality clashes. BUFORA is just one fishtank in the sea-life centre of UFOlogy, where there are plenty of big fish and the tanks aren't very large. Perhaps the most important people are the dedicated investigators who often we don't hear about, lurking like minnows in the seaweed. Right, I think I've stretched that analogy quite far enough.

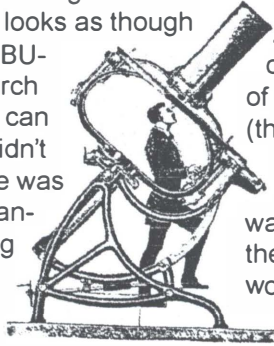
There are many other subjects driven by dominant personalities where you will find such bickering and battles going on. And there may be some point to it where there is an end product, but UFOlogy is different. After 50 years as a subject in its own right, we still know very little and are still arguing over many of the same questions now as when the subject first started (when UFOlogists aren't battering each other and manage to find time for serious debate, that is).

It seems that UFOlogy is politics and personalities.

But it shouldn't be.

It's only that way because we let it.

I think it is time that we took a long hard look at the subject and the way UFOlogy is organised. What are we trying to discover?



What questions should we be asking?

How should we be organising the study of UFOs, witnesses and reports?

How should we be presenting the results?

It should be obvious to everyone that there is an awful (and I mean awful) lot wrong with the subject we call "UFOlogy".

A LITTLE BIT OF POLITICS

As I left the **UFO Times** job, BUFORA was once more under the attack of a vocal minority of dissatisfied members, led by Andy Roberts (the Armchair UFOlogist himself) and former **UFO Times** editor Mike Wooten (who even set up an e-mail journal called BUFORA watch to press home the attack). Where were these people at the BUFORA AGM? Surely that would be the place to register their dissatisfaction and try to change things for the better. If

BUFORA means so much to them, they should have been there. But it is a sad fact within UFOlogy that some people find that constant sniping and criticism about how bad things are is much more fun than actually taking an opportunity to change things when it arrives. This is not to say that BUFORA is blameless in the matter. There is much that needs to be changed and improved, and I hope that now they (BUFORA Council) will take the initiative and react to the *constructive* and *valid* criticism to improve the organisation. Already they have issued the Bulletin #2, which will become the main vehicle for contact with members rather than **UFO Times** on grounds of cost. Admittedly, #2 wasn't very good (among other issues it prompted Kevin McClure to issue a letter to members entitled "Put your head between your legs and kiss your Association goodbye"), but it was put together in a very short space of time with little material to work with. At least it shows commitment to getting *something* out to members, and I hope that future issues will see a great improvement over this first effort. It will have to. I wish them every success, and will try to help when possible.

That said, I have to be honest and say that, in my opinion, BUFORA may be past the point of no return as a driving force in UFOlogy. I won't go into the reasons why BUFORA has been unable to get **UFO Times** out on a regular schedule here but things have been sticky for a while and I don't know if they can pull through this. Let's hope they do; I have confidence that BUFORA will survive in *some* form or another, even if "traditional" UFO groups that put on lectures and conferences may be a dying breed now that the X-Files interest has finally waned. People are getting bored with the whole paranormal/UFO

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scene, evidenced by the fact that a number of the glossy UFO mags that started a couple of years back no longer exist. But small magazines like Strange Daze will always be around, as long as there is interest in the phenomena we lump together as "UFOs". Because let's face it, this is where UFOlogy is at. Some of these zines and newsletters are very good, some are dire, but this is where you will find out what's really going on.

SOFA, SO GOOD... SO WHAT?

So it was with much amusement that I digested the latest issue of The Armchair Ufologist, in which editor Andy Roberts vents his spleen at my good self. The first copy arrived over the e-mail, followed by a multi coloured paper version in the post for good measure. Mmmm, double the pleasure. You may remember Andy from such publications as UFO Brigantia, his deputy editorship of UFO Times and his semi regular appearances in Fortean Times. Generally speaking, Andy is a well balanced guy, having a chip on both shoulders. The latest issue of The Armchair Ufologist (TAU) is a cracker, so I think I can devote a little space here to what he has to say.

You may remember some months back, if you receive TAU, that Andy said he was happy to work with me on UFO Times (after Mike Wootten retired from the post of Editor) because I was a "proper UFOlogist". How times change. Andy's problem with moi? Well, having resigned from his post at UFO Times because of a Council dispute over Philip Mantle, but with my good self still in a position of power, I'm fair game (and this is a game) in his never-ending assault on the people he doesn't like in BUFORA - Council members John Spencer, Steve Gamble, Bob Digby et al, with the rest of council and BUFORA in the firing line. Anyone that sticks up for BUFORA gets a lashing. Also, last Autumn I sent an open letter to Andy, calling into question his record within UFOlogy, which brought up the matter of the IUN and UFO Brigantia. You may remember the Independent UFO Network collapsed in the early '90s, with people not receiving copies of UFO Brigantia or the copies of Jenny Randles' Northern UFO News magazine, which was part of a joint subscription programme the IUN were running. I sent Jenny a copy of this letter out of courtesy. Surprisingly, she picked up on the brief comments I made about the IUN and wrote to me at length in December, making an offer to anyone caught out in the IUN's demise and who didn't get her magazine. She also followed this up with another long letter in January. She asked me to make the comments available to BUFORA members over the web site, which I did when the web site was back up and running after the "Bert But-

tock" incidents which resulted in the site being suspended. Naturally, Andy went ballistic, resulting partly in the load of old nonsense and the half baked conspiracy theory (that it was all a BUFORA plot to discredit him) that he wrote in the last issue of the Armchair Ufologist. Mmmm, bitter...with a twist of lemon:

"Sensible also runs a parish magazine called Strange Daze which is weak version of UFO Brigantia.

Brigantia-lite, if you like. Wags are suggesting that he changes the name to Strange Dave and writes all about his rum old adventures in UFO-land.

But then it would just be a weak copy of The Armchair Ufologist - oops, deja vu Dave!"

And your point is? ...Ah, there isn't one. He's just having a go for the sake of filling space. But he's not finished yet! Here's another barrage! No publicity is bad publicity, so I'll return the favour.

"...Obviously I did because I resigned from UFO Times leaving Dave 'Sensible' Newton in full command. Big mistake. The resulting issue of UFO Times was an execrable mess that a nine year old on tartrazine with a John Bull printing kit could have done.

As regards journal editing pilgrims, it's not just about having articles and putting them altogether, it's about knowing the scene, the people, the trends, and being able to catch just the right mood for the time the zine comes out."

Yeah kids, ya have to get down in the hood and put your finger on the pulse etc., etc.

I'm the first to admit that the last issue of UFO Times was a major step backwards as regards the design and layout. And this is an interesting story in itself. The design and the printing of the magazine used to be handled by a gentleman named Mark Roberts in Wales. I'd sent all of the material for the new issues down to Mark in Wales, when someone told him that BUFORA was broke and couldn't pay him. (Which wasn't true.) Consequently, he refused to do any more work for BUFORA and refused to send any material back to me until he had been paid for work already done. As a result, I had to quickly redesign a magazine on this home computer, using whatever photographs and art I had luckily scanned in *and* find a brand new printing company to meet the deadline I'd set. So it's fair to say that there were major problems.

Who was it that tipped off the designer?

Andy Roberts, of course.

A spiteful act of deliberate sabotage that Andy neatly fails to mention in TAU.

While an essential element of UFOlogy is having investigators actually investigating UFO reports, you would never know this from reading The Armchair Ufologist, which is pretty much a

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sad indictment of the subject at the moment. And while magazines such as TAU, Saucer Smear and Kevin McClure's excellent **Abduction Watch** can perform the important function of exposing the worst excesses of the UFO movement, it's a shame that TAU isn't more objective and serious, instead being merely an excuse for Andy Roberts to have a go at the people who have annoyed him recently. So what was it that Jenny said that upset him so much? Former members of the IUN may find this offer very interesting...

AN OFFER FROM JENNY RANGLES

The following is taken from Jenny's letter dated 3/12/97.

"I wanted to comment on your disturbing note in the reply to Andy about missing money and copies of Northern UFO News that were never received. Would you please make the following comment on the net for me for those who will have read your words. I was shocked by your report.

Some years ago - at my suggestion - the magazine that I have edited since 1974 (Northern UFO News) agreed with UFO Brigantia and IUN a deal that would benefit subscribers. I proposed that through economies of scale we could offer a joint subscription at a reduced price - allowing anyone receiving both magazines to save money. Since NUN came out six times a year and was very much news orientated and an ongoing catalogue of case summaries, whilst Brigantia was a magazine that focused on both large commentary articles and a lively letters exchange the two ventures well complemented one another.

In fact there was no link between NUN and the IUN. They were entirely separate. When I received joint subscriptions I sent full details of addresses and payment from this new batch of subscribers on to the IUN. I did so in regular batches. At first the same thing happened in reverse, but then stopped. Several times I asked the IUN why without success. I started to receive complaints from my readers that copies of Brigantia were not arriving. More than once I appealed to Andy Roberts as Brigantia editor and the man with whom I had made the deal. He told me about administrative problems caused by another key IUN officer. Sorry, Dave, but I am not getting embroiled further by saying who that man was as it would be second hand comment anyhow. Hopefully Andy will tell you - as he told me - exactly what happened.

The IUN assured me that they would now send through magazines and I carried comments in NUN that anyone not receiving them in future should contact the IUN if this did not happen following that promise.

Since I had no access to the IUN subscription list I did not know which of my subscribers they were claiming not to have details about because this IUN person had never registered them. All I knew was that I had sent the IUN share of the money and their details and all were getting copies of NUN.

Then, I received a couple of irate letters from people telling me that they had paid joint subscriptions to the IUN address and had not been getting NUN - why? The reason was that the same source at the IUN supposedly not registering the joint subscribers I was sending him was also failing to pass on to me any new joint subscribers they were receiving. Obviously I had no way of knowing that Mr or Mrs X had paid the IUN to receive Northern UFO News unless they told me. I immediately (and at my expense) gave free subscriptions on trust to those people who had written to me claiming they had paid the IUN for my magazine - even though I never received any of that money from the IUN. I did the same with a couple of others who contacted me in the coming months. I felt this was only fair on them. Of course, I realised that there might be others who never bothered to write to me and ask where their magazine had gone. But there was little I could do since I had no way of knowing the names and addresses of such people without the IUN informing me. By now Brigantia had folded and with Philip Mantle resigning from the IUN the week he brought his vote of no confidence in council against me the IUN soon collapsed as well.

However, in the April 1993 issue I asked NUN subscribers to vote on whether to continue the joint deal - having kept them informed. They voted and I told Andy that the joint deal with Brigantia would have to end forthwith. This was six months before PM resigned. He apologised, said they would sort the mess out and all subscribers would get their issues. But he understood why I had to act as I did. Frankly I was very disappointed that a system that could have benefited everybody (and been of especial value to cash strapped UFOlogists) collapsed and I have never really understood what went so badly wrong. So far as I know it all went smoothly at my end, but clearly the IUN had real problems administering this matter.

The legacy of this has worried me ever since. I have maintained the NUN subscription unrealistically low. Indeed it is still exactly the same in 1998 as it was in 1992 when we started this joint deal (£6 pa) and for all existing subscribers I offer renewals at £5 - way below 1992 prices in real terms. So I do really care about my subscribers and this Brigantia debacle has always worried me. I would hope that the erstwhile IUN members out there (eg Andy and Philip will explain in reply to your note what went wrong and who was to blame. Please urge them to do so to clear this matter up. In the meantime if there are any people out there who were caught out in 1992/1993 and paid money to the IUN but never received issues of Northern UFO News please send me details and I will offer a free one years NUN subscription. Please write to me at:-

NUN, 1 Hallsteads Close, Dove Holes, Buxton
Derbyshire, SK17 8BS"
- Jenny Randles.

No doubt printing the above will result in another flood of stern letters and e-mails, but I really don't care. In his e-mail response when the above went on the web site, Andy Roberts included the following:

"That notwithstanding I assured her that I would be quite happy to refund anyone who had not had a fair deal from my own pocket, no fuss, no arguments."

and

"I said if Dave Netwon [sic] or whoever could come up with names and addresses etc I would happily pay - out of my own pocket - them."

Very generous. But having provided Andy with the names and addresses of two of the people I personally know who were caught out in the IUN collapse in my next e-mail, I believe he is yet to pay out anything. So if any readers of Strange Daze paid for a joint Brigantia/NUN sub - as I did, and Craig Jackson and Phil Waterhouse did - I suggest that you write to Jenny and Andy* and hold him to his word.

* 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, HD6 2QR

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NEWS

WELSH FAMILY ENCOUNTERS A CLOAKED UFO

On Friday, April 24, 1998, M.W. and her two sons were delivering newspapers in their hometown of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, Wales when they had an unusual encounter.

"It was approximately eight o'clock, just before dark and the sky was clear," she reported. "We saw in the sky, not very high, lots of separate spiral shapes moving in a circular motion. It was as if there was a spaceship of some sort that was invisible, and we could only see the movement of some sort of energy underneath it. The spirals were positioned apart in a circular movement, and they all moved across the sky together, staying in a circle."

When the family first saw the phenomenon, it was hovering over an abandoned gas works. M.W. pointed out that this is a residential area close to a British Petroleum refinery and a British Steel Works plant.

"We watched this (UFO) move for about two minutes" before it flew away over the seaport city. Port Talbot is 45 miles (72 kilometers) west of Cardiff. (Email Interview) [Source: UFO Roundup]

STRANGE CRATER FOUND IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Ufologists in Northern Ireland are investigating a mysterious crater found on a farm near Belleek, in County Fermanagh last January.

The site was first investigated by the Armagh Planetarium. The farmer had found a circular crater six feet in diameter filled with water. "The crater was drained, but nothing was found except a badly-damaged milk churn."

In April, "investigators found a 1.5 millimeter bead of glass," thought to be a remnant of a fallen meteor.

On December 13, 1997, the night the "mystery meteor" struck the ice cap in Greenland, people in Northern Ireland reported

seeing "a bright flash" in County Fermanagh.

"The site is very muddy, and it is suggested that the object that made the crater "may have sunk out of reach...Planetarium officials say the object struck at about 90 degrees and might be part of the meteor that struck Greenland. Had the Greenland meteor hit Northern Ireland, it would have levelled the whole town of Belleek." (See UK UFO Network newsletter number 92, part 2. Many thanks to the gang at UK UFO Network for this news story.)

[Source: UFO Roundup]

A PRIMORDIAL PLANET IN TAURUS?

On May 28th, scientists unveiled what -- in NASA's words -- "may well be the most important discovery to date by [the] Hubble Space Telescope: the first direct look at what may be a planet outside our solar system." Susan Terebey (Extrasolar Research Corporation) and her colleagues have been observing just-born stars with Hubble's new infrared-sensitive NICMOS camera, which can peer through the dusty envelopes that typically surround stellar nurseries.

Among the scientists' targets was TMR-1, an adolescent binary star in Taurus. In addition to resolving TMR-1's stellar twins, Terebey's NICMOS images also depict a 200-billion-kilometer long filament with a feeble 18th-magnitude light source at its tip. If that object is indeed associated with TMR-1, as the filament suggests, then it has the same distance (450 light-years) and age (100,000 to 1 million years).

And, according to Terebey, the brightness, distance, and age together imply a mass of 2 or 3 Jupiters for the still-cooling substellar object -- making it a giant protoplanet that was somehow cast away from its parent stars. (Comparably massive planets *have* already been discovered orbiting eight much older stars, but they are far too close to those stars to be seen directly.) During the NASA press conference, Terebey cautioned that her team hasn't ruled out one prosaic alternative to the protoplanet hypothesis:

TMR-1C could conceivably be an unrelated star or

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substellar brown dwarf that happens to lie in the same direction as the filament. [Source: Sky & Telescope News Bulletin]

MARTIAN FACE UPDATE

Scientists with NASA's Mars Global Surveyor program have finally settled a longstanding question about the nature of unusual topographic features in the red planet's Cydonia region. Noisy, low-resolution Viking images from 1976 showed what looked like a giant mound carved into the shape of a human face. But new, razor-sharp views from Surveyor, released on April 6th, show a complex, hilly formation that has been eroded by Martian winds, frost, and perhaps surface water. The "Face on Mars" was illusory, though news reports from earlier this week suggest that some fanatics refuse to give up on the idea that the alleged face is manmade -- made by little green men, that is. [Source: Sky & Telescope News Bulletin]

MEANWHILE... HOAGLAND PRESSES NASA FOR MORE CYDONIA PHOTOS

"Whether carved by aliens or sculpted by nature, the famous 'face' on Mars continues to stir up a cosmic controversy."

"This is ancient ruined architecture we're seeing,' insists Richard Hoagland, author of THE MONUMENTS OF MARS and the loudest voice for the theory that aliens built the face."

"NASA says Surveyor's pictures provide ample evidence that the mile-long mesa on the Martian plain Cydonia is just a naturally occurring pile of rocks. (The Mars Global) Surveyor's camera is 10 times more powerful than the one aboard the Viking probe, which in 1976 first sent back pictures of the mesa and other strange rock formations."

"Hoagland says NASA has photographs confirming his theory but won't release them because they could so shock Earth that civilization might collapse."

"They are seeing things they did not expect. That's why they're not showing all the data,' Hoagland says."

"NASA says it has released everything it has on Cydonia and, for that matter, everywhere else on Mars. Officially the agency declines to take a position on the origin of Cydonia. But some scientists privately accuse Hoagland of keeping the controversy alive to push his book, videotapes, posters and speeches."

"Scientists on the Surveyor mission say there's a simple explanation for why Cydonia's features appear the way they do. The same natural forces that shaped the rocks there can be found on Earth."

"The area is geologically very interesting,' says Arden Albee, project scientist at the California Institute of Technology. 'It looks like there were a number of layers of material laid down in the planet's formation with different hardnesses. These layers then eroded, so you get craters which are perched up in the air sort of like on a pedestal. We've seen these elsewhere on Mars."

"But that assessment is not enough to keep others from joining the fray. Geologists, photography experts and architects are downloading Surveyor's pictures from the Internet and analyzing them."

"Those of us who have studied it are unanimous that it's artificial,' says Tom Van Flandern, an astronomer and former head of celestial mechanics at the U.S. Naval Observatory."

"Van Flandern, who runs a Washington, D.C.-based group called Meta Research that investigates celestial anomalies doesn't buy into the theory of a government cover-up or that 'UFO pilots' built monuments on Mars."

"But because the Martian region has so many odd patterns and shapes, he puts the odds at a billion to 1 that all of them occurred naturally."

"Van Flandern says he hopes NASA can be persuaded to take more photographs of the formation while it can."

"NASA would have to race against time. On Sept. 11, Surveyor's orbit will be adjusted so it won't pass over Cydonia every nine days, as it does now. The maneuvers are necessary to lower the spacecraft into a tight circular orbit so it can begin its primary mission of mapping the planet in March 1999."

"No more pictures are coming anytime soon. Mars now is in solar conjunction, which means that it is behind the sun as seen from Earth. That makes it hard for controllers to exchange (radio) transmissions with Surveyor. The cameras have been turned off, and they won't be back on until May 26, when the conjunction period ends." "At this point the (MOC) camera will take pictures as the science warrants, says Mike Ravine, advanced projects manager at Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego, which built the camera. 'We're not going to be targeting specific things. We already took the picture of the face, and I don't care what Hoagland says, it's a good picture.'"

"As Ravine sees it, even if Surveyor takes photos only of Cydonia, it will not be enough to satisfy believers. 'I don't believe these people are going to be happy no matter what we do. The idea that I would play some willing role to suppress information that some alien civilization exists is just ridiculous. There is no conspiracy.'"

"To Hoagland, the controversy will be settled only with more data."

"If we don't get it, all we'll have for the next 20 years to argue about are just these three images. would be a tragedy."

(See USA Today for May 11, 1998, "Mars' 'face' a pile of rocks? Many insist it doesn't wash" by Paul Hoversten, page 4A)

DUTCH UFOLOGISTS DISPUTE STORY OF NORTH SEA CHASE

Ufologists in the Netherlands disputed last week's reports in the London Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph

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of a UFO chase over the North Sea.

According to the reports published in both British newspapers, the phased-array radar station at RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire picked up a UFO 900 feet (273 meters) long flying over the North Sea. RAF jet interceptors were sent after it. At the same time, two F-16 jet fighters of the Nederlandse Luchtmacht (Netherlands Air Force) took off in pursuit. The F-16s reportedly encountered the UFO over the North Sea. The mammoth triangular object then increased its speed to 24,000 miles per hour and headed northeast towards the Atlantic Ocean.

Andy Denne of the Netherlands UFO group A.U.R.A. reported, "We have checked our source in the Dutch air force, and we can be rather sure by now that the F-16s sent to intercept never even took off."

"We also double-checked with the Dutch military defense radar station at Nieuw-Milligen. They also assured us nothing was visible on radar."

A.U.R.A. members and other Dutch ufologists telephoned the Air Traffic Control center at Schipol International Airport in Amsterdam. Radar operators there "saw nothing on their radars during the past couple of months."

"So our conclusion is that there was no North Sea UFO, at least as described by the British press," Denne reported. "Especially since the Dutch air force is not as

tight-lipped as their British and American colleagues." (Many thanks to Andy Denne of A.U.R.A. and Errol Bruce-Knapp for this story.) [Source: **UFO Roundup**]

[Also, thanks are due to Tim Matthews for his e-mail comments on the newspaper reports.]

Obituary: Ralph Noyes

From: Graham William Birdsall Date: 3/6/98

Subject: Ralph Noyes

To: UFO UPDATES TORONTO

<updates@globalserve.net>

Dear Colleagues,

I regret to announce that after a fall at his home, Ralph Noyes died on 24 May.

Ralph Noyes had a distinguished career with the Ministry of Defence, but will best be remembered for his role as the former head of the MoDs 'UFO desk', DS8 (Defence Staff 8). Noyes provided numerous researchers with invaluable comment and information upon retirement in 1977, and will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. An obituary of Ralph Noyes is being prepared by Timothy Good, whom he regarded as a close friend, and will appear in the July/August '98 issue of UFO Magazine.

Graham W. Birdsall (Editor) UFO Magazine [UK].

THE EM POLLUTION APPROACH: A SHOWING OF EVIDENCE

ALBERT BUDDEN

Amongst the correspondence that recently passed through my hands, a letter mentioned how interesting it would be if my EM (electromagnetic) pollution approach could be proved. Whilst this was only meant as a passing comment, thinking about it almost made me weep with frustration. I had presented so much testable evidence over the past four years or so, from so many different independent angles, had many written supportive endorsements from respectable establishment figures in the academic/medical world (1), investigated cases which had been randomly thrown at me only to find the parameters I had predicted over and over again (but not in the many non-experiencers I investigated in the same ways as controls to compare with) that I have now begun to seriously wonder what else I could possibly present which would finally sink into the skulls of the adherents of the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) or any others for that matter.

I am emboldened to name names in this article regarding those experiencers who are already in the public domain and remind readers of the recurring patterns I have found. The following list shows the parameter cluster that I predict, which of course applies during the actual period of time that experiences are taking place currently and regularly, (and not ten years ago or other similar remote time period). I would also like to remind readers that the strength of any approach rests on its ability to predict aspects or factors. Therefore, returning to the issue of proof, it is only in such disciplines as pure mathematics and logic that statements can be actually proved, and all science can do most of the time is to present strong circumstantial evidence for the existence of something. Instead however, I have found that the strength of an approach, when it comes down to practical empirical matters in the field as it were, lays in its ability to predict the presence of occurrence of factors. If I can predict the presence of the same cluster of parameters in multiple experiencer samples given to me at random, and equally, predict their absence in non-experiencers, this is a strong indication of the validity of the ap-

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proach developed.

However, in my experience, for some reason, the more details I provide, the more the central issues seem to be evaded by those reading them who do not want me to be right. So, to simplify things, let's just look at four primary parameters in this article. It may be that the introduction of too dense data/detail at one sitting, so to speak, may not be digestible to those who are unfamiliar with it. For example, how many of you have heard of or know anything about photophobia, desynchronization, hyperaesthesia or the sense of presence sensation? These are all elements of the experiencer cluster I have repeatedly found with monotonous regularity in the samples that came my way. So, let us just consider four parameters, and just note that the remaining ones exist without focusing on them now.

FOUR PRIMARY PARAMETERS PREDICTED:

1. The current CE4 experiencer lives in an electromagnetic hotspot where the levels of magnetic and/or radio-frequency fields are significantly raised above typical background levels (as defined by The World Health Organisation). This will be the case at the time they are having their 'visitation' experiences on a regular basis. EM hotspots are objectively determined using conventional instrumentation designed to measure field levels, and some training is needed to carry out what is known as a dosimetric survey over a 48 hour period in some cases. Usually, the source of the EM fields can be clearly seen close by.
2. The current CE4 experiencer has a history of 'psychic experiences', sometimes reaching back to childhood. These include seeing formed figures such as guardian angels or the Virgin Mary. Also reported is the sensing of the presence of non-corporeal entities, self-reported ESP, seeing ghostly apparitions, relatives who have died, out-of-body experiences, precognition, etc.
3. The current CE4 experiencer has undergone what is known as a major electrical event (MEE). Examples include being close to a lightning strike or ball lightning, light phenomena, major electrocution and electro-convulsive therapy etc.
4. The current CE4 experiencer causes electrical equipment to malfunction or behave oddly, and often cannot wear a watch because it stops, slows, etc. Equipment typically affected by the CE4 experiencer are: computers, photocopiers, domestic appliances, tape recorders, mobile phones, check-out tills etc. At home, they find that light bulbs seem to last for very short periods of time. Also, electrical appliances behave oddly, e.g. switching on and off.

There are many more parameters which form a recurring syndrome, some of which do not depend on the testimony of the experiencer, but are objective tests developed to avoid over-dependence on verbal testimony. One of these - termed the Magnetic Response Test (MRT) by the American researcher who devised it, Nicholas Reiter in Ohio - uses 1,000-2,000 gauss magnets which are sited on specific areas of the skull to test if the subject exhibits certain signs which are combinations of physical and emotional reactions. Experiencers react positively and non-experiencers have no reaction whatsoever. At last, a much needed method of determining the authentic experiencer from the hoaxer, and a way of avoiding any similar embarrassments to that of the Christy Dennis debacle, who deliberately set out to show flaws in US UFOlogists' methodology, including Leo Sprinkle who recruited her 'help' in 1981 to organise a conference for 'abductees'. (2) For those of you unfamiliar with the Christy Dennis 'case', she was a lady who told a typical 'abductee's' story, was embraced by USA 'abductologists' as authentic and later admitted that she had made the whole thing up, and as a concluding sentence to a published statement to her investigators stated:

"Take a good look at what you are willing to believe. If I could get your attention, how many other frauds have been able to do the same?"

In my regular newsheet - The Steady Signal - I have published results of my investigations into some of the more well known experiencers in the UK and I will repeat them here. I could of course also repeat a table showing the negative results from the non-experiencer controls, i.e. no hotspot presence despite 48 hour monitoring, no major electrical event, no history of psychic experiences etc., etc. However, with the limitations of space I am going to ask you, the reader, to trust that such negative results were obtained and make somewhat boring reading.

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CE4 EXPERIENCERS INVESTIGATED FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE FIRST FOUR PARAMETERS PREDICTED

1. ROSALIND REYNOLDS

Self reported 'abductee' who had appeared on TV and in the news media many times. Investigated at home, October 1993. Interview recorded by permission.

- a. Hot Spot. Rosalind's house is close to an electrical substation. Using a field meter I detected raised electrical field at frequencies above 60 Hz in the upper halves of all the ground floor rooms. Her husband told me that they once tried to use the back room as a recording studio but obtained so much unidentified static on their equipment (which they tried to shield out by wrapping cables in metal foil) that they had to abandon the project.
- b. History of psychic experiences. Ros can recall many unusual experiences, one of the earliest being the establishment of contact (she feels) with an 'inter-dimensional entity' who directed her to write long passages on spiritual matters when she was seven years old. (I was given a copy of one of these entitled 'The Basis of Edle', which is well beyond the capabilities of a typical seven year old). Ros has also had a bizarre UFO-related experience aged 16, when she was in a car driven by a boyfriend. Briefly, in Sudbury, Suffolk, a large ball of white light encircled the car after it had stopped inexplicably. This was beside a pylon with power lines overhead. They both saw long bright blue electrical streamers arcing their way up the pylon whilst the light was close to the car. Subsequently Ros became 'sensitive and very psychic' but the boyfriend's mental stability deteriorated and Ros reports that he tried to kill her five times, after turning to drink and drugs.
- c. Major Electrical Event (MEE). When she was thirteen years old, ball lightning floated into the room where she was sitting, entering through the open chimney. Also, the proximity to the light phenomenon below the power lines when she was sixteen would have constituted an MEE. Incidentally, cars may function as protective Faraday cages to lightning strikes, but the steel body work can re-radiate electromagnetic fields to the interior, hence the engine/electrical systems malfunction.
- d. Malfunction of electrical equipment. Light bulbs last for such short periods when she is around her home that the glass covers/shades are left off to make replacement easier. Once she bought a portable CD player, and after putting new batteries into it, found that they expired after a few minutes. Replacements did the same. Clocks and watches stop in her presence, etc.

2. 'ALLY PALLY LADY'

CE4 experiencer. Investigated September 1993. Interview recorded by permission. One other male witness present throughout meeting (unidentified).

- a. Hotspot. Her home is within the critical distance for the ground-reflected component (i.e. the near field) of several major radio-frequency transmitters to irradiate it, i.e. the Alexandra Palace BBC Transmitter and others also mounted on a natural elevation. Instrumentation detected elevated levels of radio frequency fields (i.e. microwaves) at her front garden gate and at multiple sites within the house itself.
- b. History of psychic experiences. This experiencer reported that she underwent a series of quite spectacular 'visitation' experiences when she was thirteen years old, where she felt that she was in close communication with an entity that she could also see vividly. Oddly, much of the 'communications' consisted of questions from the entity about the nature of the energy from the transmitter on the hill which loomed over the house and which could be seen from the bedroom window. As a thirteen year old child, this experiencer had no knowledge whatsoever of the BBC transmitter, and as a middle aged adult at the time of the interview, was equally unaware of its presence and/or function. These visionary episodes, which lasted nightly for some months, began just six weeks after an equally dramatic MEE. Also, she recalls that when she was younger, she told her mother that a lady used to appear beside her bed called Bernardette. During the interview, she also related a long and rambling account of her later teenage years and how she met up with a young soldier whom she later discovered had died previously.

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- c. Major electrical event. Aged thirteen, she and some other teenage girlfriends were with a well-known professional footballer, John White, who played for the local team she supported, whilst he was playing golf with his wife. A storm suddenly blew up and a downpour ensued. White ran ahead of all the others, and took shelter under a large and old oak tree. He was immediately struck by lightning and killed. Our experiencer was about 20 feet behind White, and heard a low crack, felt a vibration, pain in her arm and crick in her neck. Her long hair stood, bizarrely, straight up on end with static. This physical pain she suffered subsided after about two weeks. She became highly sensitive to many different substances and stimuli.
- d. Malfunction of electrical equipment. On playing back the recording of our conversation, it was found that unidentifiable interference in the form of loud electronic-sounding 'boing' noises punctuated the whole of the recording, that I have since found to be typical auditory recording phenomena occurring with many experiencers during interviews. Such effects are due to a symptom of a recognised clinical syndrome called electrical hypersensitivity (EH) where the subject actually emits fields as a whole body effect. In fact, at the Breakspair Hospital in Hertfordshire where EH is treated, physicians, as a diagnostic test, place running tape recorders on the laps of patients to see if static or other related sounds are picked up. The experiencer also reported that a microwave oven affected her oddly, producing burn-like blisters on her skin. Little other information on her use of electrical equipment was forthcoming and an impression was gained that it was generally avoided.

3. 'THE WHEELCHAIR GIRL'

Aged 14. UFO close encounter/ 'missing time'. CE4 information emerged via regressive hypnosis sessions. In order to simplify case material and comparisons, I do not include 'missing time'/hypnosis cases among my primary data. This is an exception, and it demonstrates a significant aspect about such experiences, i.e. that such recollections are of an internal visionary event.

- a. Hotspot. During the period of her life that she was having 'visitor' and 'paranormal' experiences, she was living on an American military base for four years. Such locations are notorious hotspots due to the powerful radar and radio-telecommunication systems active on a 24-hour basis.
- b. History of psychic experiences. Throughout her childhood, this experiencer has been closely associated with unusual events/experiences. She reports that during one particularly stressful period, she could, on occasion, make the minute hand of electrical wall clocks move back and forth. This was supported by correspondence with other family members. She also saw dark humanoid figures, described as 'solid shadows', a fairly common perceptual phenomenon amongst such subjects.
- c. Major electrical event. I would argue that the UFO encounter she experienced served as a strong electromagnetic exposure. The object was seen close to the outside perimeter of the US base and was described as either circular or spherical, consisting of bright bands of colour. She stood beneath it for about five minutes, and although information is uncertain, it seemed to be low in the sky as she looked directly upwards. I would argue that this was a typical unclassified atmospheric phenomenon (UAP) as they could usefully be termed, produced for example by severely modulated field emissions from such hardware as radar systems interacting with other powerful field sources, e.g. microwaves from geological faults.

Also, however, there was an occasion when she was about eleven years old (also in the USA), whilst she was sitting in her father's open-topped truck, which was parked beside a corrugated iron farm building. A storm suddenly blew up and the identical adjacent iron-structured building suffered a direct lightning strike which rocked the truck. The experiencer relates that a small electrical charge arced upwards through the floor of the truck and struck a ring she was wearing, producing a painful sensation. Even today, as an adult in her 30's, the skin under rings she wears becomes 'inflamed and scaly'.

Also, when she was fifteen years old, she was caught up in a tornado in the USA, which can produce strong static charges and small lightning bolts within it.

- d. Malfunction of electrical equipment. This experiencer reports that quartz watches malfunction when she wears them. However, the reader must be reminded that for the sake of identifying predicted pa-

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rameters, in this particular article, we are really focusing on effects and phenomena that took place during a time-frame when she was having ongoing CE4 experiences, or temporarily close to such an experience. Otherwise we would be broadening the field so much that any predictions would become meaningless. Therefore, it should be related that it was very soon after her UFO encounter and 'missing time' event, when she was fourteen, that her family were amazed to see the Christmas tree lights flicker on and off briefly when she passed by them, especially as they were not plugged in! Even today she is nervous and afraid of being electrocuted when using electrical appliances.

Today this young lady is frequently confined to a wheelchair due to inflammations of the pancreas and liver, the former I have noticed being an especially common and typical effect of long-term EM exposure, leading to diabetic tendencies.

4. MARIA WARD

This CE4 experiencer was featured in detail by a well-known Sunday newspaper, and has appeared on many television and radio programmes describing her experiences. She answered in the affirmative to my specific questions during our first meeting at Central TV studios in Birmingham in 1994, when I was accompanied by a well known council member of the British UFO Research Association. However, it must be added that since this meeting, Maria presents a hostile outlook towards the EM pollution approach and prefers to adhere to the more popularist idea that she has been visited by alien intelligences. Therefore, as it is not possible to obtain unbiased answers to the parameter questionnaire, objective features can be used to determine the presence or otherwise of predicted parameters, which in this case are particularly robust.

- a. Hotspot. Maria's house is located between two rows of power lines, which are within a few hundred metres either side. Also, her home is within critical RF near-field distances where the signal components of a close cluster of three major telecommunication masts converge and bounce off the ground close to her home, if not within it. These are likely to produce the electromagnetic scenario specifically mentioned by a World Health Organisation report on the hazards to health that radio frequencies present - the intersection of microwave beams where in-phase conditions can induce extremely high field strengths (amplitudes).
- b. History of psychic experiences. Replied in the affirmative on initial questioning.
- c. Major electrical event. In response to this enquiry, I was surprised to be shown several photographs of orange balls of light that Maria had taken in her house, as there was evidently a period when they appeared in the lounge. She related that the local environmental health authority, using instrumentation, had detected a 'high magnetic field in my front room'. Proximity to such electric fireballs would certainly constitute a major electrical event. It was later reported that these 35 mm prints were later made into poster sized prints. Since these exposures were taken, Maria has seen and videoed orange balls of light in the air close to the pylons near her home.
- d. Malfunctioning of electrical equipment. Replied in the affirmative on initial questioning.

5. LINDA JONES

Close encounter experience in the presence of her daughter, consisting of proximity to a crescent-shaped atmospheric phenomenon. Subsequent memory of CE4 type experience. Witnesses not separated immediately after experience and testimony recorded; without such investigative rigour, apparent multiple 'alien encounter' dubious at best. However, for a number of circumstantial reasons, it does appear that an objective light phenomenon was involved. However, like so many testimonies, the present day version of perceptions is different from those recorded close to the time the event occurred, e.g. early published descriptions of the light phenomenon taken by experienced investigators record a 'gondola-shaped light' and similarly 'a huge light' was stated and further, depicted in a TV documentary on the case. However, very recent statements from the witnesses now maintain that the light was mounted upon a structured landing gear with telescopic metal legs!

- a. Hotspot. In 1979, the year that the encounter occurred, there was a large CB transmitting antenna

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only 30 yards away from the witness' house. Also power lines about 400 yards away.

- b. History of psychic experiences. Experiencer answers in the affirmative in 'The 25 Questions' questionnaire, but does not give details.
- c. Major electrical event. Significant domestic electrocution. Also, aged seven years, was out walking with her father in the same meadow where as an adult and mother had her close encounter with the crescent-shaped light phenomenon, and a lightning bolt struck the ground close by.
- d. Malfunction of electrical equipment. Reports that this occurs frequently in her presence, e.g. television spontaneously changes channels.

TO CONCLUDE:

These few are typical of over fifty cases examined over the past four years, and show the presence of electrical hypersensitivity (EH) in experiencers. It must be emphasised that over twenty other parameters can be predicted, although obviously not all occur in all cases - this is a syndrome that has been identified, i.e. a cluster of effects. Having said this however, I have found that they occur with sufficient regularity that investigation of such cases had become routine. Their presence is extremely robust, and jump out at the investigator in most cases, as long as they know what to look for and are able to recognise it. One would have thought that the occurrence of a major electrical event (MEE) would be an easy parameter to identify. However, it was Bill Chalker in Australia who, after reading 'Allergies and Aliens' related that an experiencer he was investigating had no clear MEE, although she had been startled when her front garden area had been struck by lightning three weeks before she began to encounter bizarre perceptions. There is clearly much miscommunication involved in the absorption of the new ideas I have presented, especially if those exploring them do not do so from a neutral position, but through the distorting bias of ETH.

To make an important concluding point, this EH syndrome is clearly not applicable to individuals who merely report a UFO sighting, as the majority of such reports are misidentification anyway. One of the more absurd attempts to discredit the approach said that many close encounter witnesses do not display these characteristics, failing to realise that it really identifies the health, environmental and consciousness effects of those who are having alien abduction or 'visitor' experiences on an ongoing basis.

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ALBERT BUDDEN CHALLENGES MAGONIA

A Challenge

In 1997 John Rimmer self published an article in the periodical he edits - Magonia - "Mr Hutchinson's [sic] Amazing Machine" (Magonia 58) where, in no uncertain terms, he made it quite clear that he regarded the Hutchison Effect as a hoax. What is the Hutchison Effect?

Dr John Hutchison in British Columbia, Canada, in 1981 discovered that in the simultaneous operation of a variety of electrical apparatus (e.g. Tesla coils, van de Graaff generators, RF signal generators, field shapers, etc) a cluster of physical effects occurred which included the levitation of objects of any material (including liquids), the bending and disruption of metals and other materials and the induction of luminous effects in mid-air - the Lift and Disruption System, as dubbed by electrical engineer George Hathaway who subsequently duplicated Hutchison's layout. Since

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1981 this device has been investigated by a wide variety of scientific and technical organisations (including the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Max Planck Institute, Tubingen, Germany and the Canadian Army Defence Department). Hutchison's device has also been shown in operation on national television in Canada, the USA and Japan.

Therefore I would like to challenge John Rimmer to a bet of £1000 (one thousand pounds) that the Hutchison effect is genuine and that the effects demonstrated are authentic, and are not hoaxed.

See Nexus Vol 4 No 1 (Dec 96 - Jan 97) and my "The Poltergeist Machine - The Hutchison Effect". Also as shown in the video John Rimmer viewed at a BUFORA meeting.

I propose that an independent legal/scientific agent is appointed that we mutually agree upon to decide the issue and that the fee for this person is paid by the loser, in addition to the £1000. If this challenge is taken up by John Rimmer within four weeks of publication of this challenge, it shall be presumed that he accepts the authenticity of the Hutchison effect and that his article in Magonia was fundamentally in error. I suggest that the editor of Strange Daze acts as intermediary and that the evidence presented by either side is published in this journal for public interest. - Albert Budden.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO SETI

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"Tomorrow (2nd February 1995)... sees the launch of the first formal hunt for life when a radio telescope in Australia starts recording signals from deep space." (Daily Telegraph 1.2.95.)

That announcement saw the commencement of a serious multinational programme of exploration, funded and organised by many countries to ascertain if there is "Anyone out there?" Basically the aim of the programme is to see if there are signs of:-

"... highly intelligent civilisations which, in times past have developed techniques equivalent to our own." (D.Telegraph.)

The technical problems and difficulties are considerable and I place before you a chart which briefly summarises what these are. This chart:-

" Suggested Causes of the Apparent Absence of Extra - Terrestrials."

gives some of the main points taken from a thorough and complex paper by Glen David Brin entitled 'The Great Silence', which appeared in the Quarterly Journal of the RAS in September 1983.

1. SOLITUDE.
 - a. Habitable planets rare.
 - b. Life needs a "spark."
 - c. Intelligence needs a "spark."
 - d. Deadly probes.
2. QUARANTINE.
 - a. Fallow preserve.
 - b. Meddling in secret.

- c. Awaiting "maturity."
- d. Not interested in Us.
- e. Secret contact.
- f. Friendly probes.
3. MACROLIFE.
 - a. Greedy breakup of "nurseries."
 - b. Inability to adapt to space life.
 - c. Tolerance of nurseries.
4. SENIORS ONLY.
 - a. Lose interest in spacelife.
 - b. Immortality conservatism.
5. LOW RENT.
 - a. FTL selection. (.eg Black holes.)
 - b. Galactic drift.
 - c. Biological incompatibility.
 - d.??

I place them before you merely for information, for it is not my task to discuss these as such but to put before you a different approach to the problem to that taken by the proponents of SETI. Let me say straightaway that I am very much in favour of the SETI programme and wish it every success, for, on a planet beset with so many sad and urgent problems it takes moral courage as well as imagination and persistence to implement such a programme which I feel is justified and valid. Why?

One of the strongest impacts made upon my mind as a youth was the Ptolemy, Copernicus, Kepler and Newton story.

As Fred Hoyle put it in his book "Astronomy."

" Probably nothing would have surprised the

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Greek Ptolemy more, than to have been told that no significant advance in astronomy beyond his own Almagest would be forthcoming for some fourteen hundred years."

Hoyle. "Astronomy." p. 92.

Little wonder then, that when Copernicus arrived with his theory, which, as it gained acceptance demonstrated that observation (more or less) fitted theory, the effects upon mankind's thinking were profound. Refinement by Kepler together with the new mathematics from Newton opened new vistas. From being at the centre of the observable Universe and therefore presumably the pinnacle of creation it began to dawn upon us, gradually and then with certainty that we were in fact the inhabitants of a frail, vulnerable speck on the outer limb of a galaxy; itself one amongst millions. In short our thinking had been turned outwards rather than inwards as mainly hitherto. This realisation brought with it profound and subtle effects upon religious and philosophical concepts that still have repercussions to this day. As historians might put it, mankind's thinking had undergone a Hermeneutic shift. Thus, I feel that contact with other intelligent beings could have similar effects/repercussions, that, provided they do not annihilate or use us as food supply could mark another leap forward in our intellectual, social and (hopefully) moral development; thus justifying the programme and its cost. In passing it is worth noting that Hoyle (1973) was speculating upon alternative cosmological models and commented:-

"A similar point of view here suggests that the structure we ordinarily think of as "The Universe" is but part of a larger whole. Instead of electromagnetic fields, as in Kirchoff's case, we are now dealing with fields which control particle masses... It is natural to ask - If there is a Universe "outside", can we learn anything of its structure?" p.287.

I wonder what Hoyle's thoughts might be if the word "inside" replaced the word "outside?"

Now I maintain that we have sufficient evidence to state that we have already as a species been in contact with other intelligent beings, but not in the sense that the proponents of SETI would accept for reasons mainly to do with scientific philosophy and practice; which is of course both proper and fair. What I am proposing is to take another research approach to the problem which I feel could be as equally valid and fruitful as SETI. It could be termed a Search for Intra Dimensional Intelligence, SIDI as opposed to a SETI. In short, to look inward as it were rather than outward, and in a certain sense go back to Ptolemy but with an entirely different agenda, looking inward with outward knowing eyes. What then was it that set me thinking

along these lines?

In 1974 I did a Master's Thesis entitled:-

"A Scientific Approach to the Problem of Personality Survival after Physical Death."

I was not concerning myself with the question of "Is there - Isn't there" life after death but was attempting to determine if there existed the necessary 'vehicles' for the containment of and expression of intelligence, memory and emotion, i.e. those elements generally accepted as making up personality. Or, to answer the question put to St Paul almost two thousand years ago when talking of a post mortem existence:-

"With what body do the dead come?"

THE question then, as it is now if you are interested in that specific area. (I have yet to meet someone who has difficulty associating life with a physical body, but many question a form of life without one? It raises a host of difficult and complex problems and doubts. Paul incidentally answered the question by saying that we possessed two bodies, one physical and corruptible, the other "glorified" [energy?] and incorruptible and that the "corruptible" had to die in order to put on [release?] "incorruptibility." Shades of entropy theory....!)

Thus, for example, I had to look at questions such as, "Could a sentient, coherent energy system and possessing intelligence as we would understand it exist without being associated with a physical substrate?" That and many other allied questions needed to be examined and my researches ranged from material concerning the latest (then) High Energy Physics to that taken from ancient and modern views in religious, philosophical and esoteric fields, again both ancient and modern and spread over a very wide spectrum of cultures. What then you might be asking has all this to do with the subject under discussion? Some years after I had finished my thesis in the seventies, literature began to appear in the eighties concerning the subject of SETI, particularly in several RAS papers. I realised that much of the material I had gathered for my thesis had applications into the areas of interest re SETI but taking a very different approach. Thus as I pondered I began to ask questions myself: for example:

Is it correct to assume that an extra terrestrial intelligence should necessarily emanate from "Out there"? My researches had indicated that intelligent entities might equally well be found Intra dimensionally and need not necessarily possess a corporeal body. Thus my plea tonight is to suggest that

it could be very fruitful to devote some serious time and money studying "In here" as well as "Out there." After all, if the researchers concerned are serious in their quest then as good scientists they should consider all possibilities, not merely the obvious. Surely, we have got beyond the stage, for example when certain scientists refused to look at the work of Pasteur simply because they considered it far fetched, impossible and as going against all known orthodoxy of the time. Remember when meteorites were poooh pooohed because:-

"Stones simply do not fall out of the sky."

Read the contemporary comments at that time and then go on to look at the statements made regarding Einstein when he first propounded his theories. All that is being asked is that the evidence be assessed openly and fairly.

Where then might this evidence be found, what is its nature and under what headings might it be incorporated? Quite simply, the amount of literature as well as verbally received wisdom is vast and covers all cultures and epochs, and can be placed under the headings I mentioned earlier. Briefly summing up what does it point to?

1. That intelligent beings, forces, etc. do exist and have probably done so even before the advent of mankind and that they can manifest in both corporeal and non corporeal forms.
2. That they can manifest in two ways, extra terrestrially and intra dimensionally. For the purpose of this talk only the latter aspect will be examined and the former only in passing or where deemed relevant.
3. That in a number of ways they have had and if certain modern authorities are to be believed still have communication with mankind. It is interesting to note and mention will be made later that many of these contacts are inimical to the welfare of mankind in general and a possibility taken into account by the proponents of SETI - rightly so.

Finally, before discussing the evidence, which, because of the great amount available can only be touched on I would like to make the point that I shall contain myself to those writers and researchers who have sound credentials and where applicable a recognized and acknowledged scientific pedigree, examining that which deals with what might be termed experimental efforts rather than hearsay and anecdote. So with some regret I leave aside the volumes of tales concerning multifarious heavenly beings spoken of in religious literature who have had concourse, and if we understand aright intercourse (including sexual) with mankind. Stories concerning time travel and warpage etc. etc.,..... perhaps on another occasion. In short I shall examine material that indicates possible methods of achieving contact with other intelligences and methods that can be repeated and developed to bring about that end.

During my thesis research I looked for and examined evidence for the claims that human intelligence could operate away from the physical body and often at great distances. This comes under such headings as "Mobile consciousness," (American) "Remote viewing" (American) "Out of the Body Experiences" (European): other cultures, oriental, eastern, african etc having their own terminology for such events. There are many modern studies by reputable researchers concerning these events but I choose one, John C. Lilly, Doctor, neurophysiologist and psychoanalyst considering his work particularly relevant to the subject under discussion. Incidentally, Lilly is one of the foremost experts on Dolphins and their modes of communications. Briefly, Lilly and his co-workers set out to examine the then accepted notion that human beings placed in a state of sensory deprivation would cease to function as such, or, put another way we need sensory input to maintain a satisfactory operating level of sentient consciousness. To close off sight, hearing, smell and taste was not too difficult, the problem lay with touch. To that end they came up with the "Dark Tank" method, basically which involved floating subjects in a tank of water at blood heat whilst encased in a cruciform shaped space type suit. For those who could stand it, (and most could not) it was found that far from closing down, the conscious mind experienced an even more vivid reality than that experienced in the conscious state. Lilly, on discovering this, and, after to him a totally fascinating series of experiences decided under strict licence and supervision to take LSD whilst immersed in the tank. He made an assumption that there were other realities than ourselves and he writes of his experiences thus:

" Suddenly I was precipitated into such spaces. I maintained myself as a central point of consciousness, of feeling, of recording. I moved into universes containing beings much larger than myself, so that I was a mote in their sunbeam... a single thought in a huge mind, or a small programme in cosmic computer... I was swept, pushed, carried whirled.. by processes which I could not understand processes of immense energy.. and of terrifying power. Waves of the equivalent of light, of sound, of motion... were carried in dimensions beyond my understanding." (p.58 T C C.)

After these experiences he :-

"... attempted to contact other systems of life more on a level with our own, and yet alien to us. I moved into a region of strange life forms, neither-above nor below the human level, but strange beings, of strange shapes, metabolism, thought forms and so forth. These beings reminded me of some of the drawings I had seen of Tibetan gods and goddesses of ancient Greek portrayals of their Gods

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and of some of the bug-eyed monsters of science fiction. Some of these forms were constructed of liquid, some were constructed of glowing gases, and some were solid state 'organisms'..... They were apparently unaware of me and were going about their particular business without interfering with me or paying attention to me. I was an observing point in their universe."

Later, whilst in the tank he had a migraine attack which opened up a "Hole" between our Universe and another during which he saw a dimension that contained alien demonic forms which caused him sheer terror. It struck me whilst reading Lilly and others that some of the great Saints (and indeed mystics of other religions) describe similar experiences. Note however that many of them time and again state that they have no words to describe what they have undergone and fall back upon words like "Ineffable", "Indescribable" etc. In short, they lack a vocabulary to describe what they have seen and experienced. That is no criticism of them but it is the likes of Lilly who see things that they describe in terms of Physics, the play of atomic elements of molecules and atoms, quanta and so on. In those states they see both macrocosm and microcosm. It is I think worth mentioning that many of the Saints and mystics when you examine their lives closely were in perhaps crude ways doing what Lilly had done. Shutting themselves up for long periods in virtual darkness, fasting, meditating, flagellating, eating "Sacred mushrooms" etc. One Northern Saint had the particular practice of submerging himself up to the neck in the sea at night during which time he claimed to undergo transcendental experiences: "Cold tank" as opposed to "Dark tank." We know a great deal more today of the effects of such actions and the biochemistry involved is becoming well understood, something which I will refer too later when looking at the work of Puharich.

Lilly writes of the numerous meetings he had with his "Guides" who at a critical stage of his work made themselves "known" to him. These he said were two entities of great power and presence who guided and in a certain sense dictated his work and protected him during what were frankly highly dangerous experiments - during one he was nearly killed. References to such beings and their purpose occur in virtually every canon of mystical and religious literature being referred to by such names as "Guardian Angels", "Wise Ones" and so on.

Turning now to Puharich. His studies included what he termed "The Biology of the Irrational." His work is highly complex dealing as it does with the biochemistry and physics of his study related to what can be termed under the general heading of paranormal experiences. Fortunately he has chapters which are put in understandable terms to the intelligent layman. Puharich was fortunate to have a subject who it was claimed could exteriorise his consciousness at will and

regardless of whether you can accept this or not he did not have to ingest drugs etc., in order to have his experiences. During one such he states:-

"Not only did he encounter people and scenes familiar to him from everyday waking experience but he also encountered 'entities' which are not known in the everyday world. Some of these were highly unpleasant... At other times he encountered friendly and pleasant 'entities' and one of these he became attached to, and looked upon him as a 'father' and/or 'mentor' (Guide ?)"

In passing, even a brief survey of literature devoted to Ritual Magic and practice would quickly reveal the immense lengths Ritual Magicians go to in order to protect themselves from danger whilst invoking entities etc. and containment of said entities. As I read it they are trying to operate from a three dimensional world into a fourth, and the strict procedures employed are empirically based over many centuries of trial and error. Not for nothing are the gravest warnings issued to those wishing to enter that world, not least from Magicians themselves. I reckon that there could be a good PhD for a physicist interested in the multi-dimensional problem willing to investigate that particular area of study and practice. (After all, the Romans were fine engineers, but it was only centuries later that mathematicians and physicists provided the theoretical basis underlying their empirical approach.) What other areas of interest might we examine.

In 1971 there was published a work entitled "Breakthrough" which dealt with experiments in electronic communication with the dead. Briefly, one Dr. Raudive following up work by the Swedish Author Friedrich Jurgenson, (who):-

"... Had encountered the phenomenon of voices which appeared on recording tapes, apparently without human intervention, and could be played back at choice. (This of course is interesting from the scientific point of view because you have criteria of objectivity.) These voices had certain characteristics but, although twice the speed of normal human speech, could be clearly understood. Further investigation had shown that the voices did not appear at random but seemed to respond to the invitation to manifest themselves."

(p.vii.) Breakthrough.

Now let me say straightaway, it is not an easy read, in fact much of it is very boring and much of it highly technical, as even a brief perusal of the statements made by highly qualified scientists and engineers concerned will confirm, so I will not attempt to list all the methods and arguments

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for and against the claims made, but will only comment upon certain aspects and opinions given by various people.

Note the fact that the voices appear at twice normal speed. One approach is to record using a high tape speed and playing it back slowly. One physicist commented that if these discarnate entities existed in a dimension whose lower limit started at the speed of light and went up to say double that speed then that could account for that seeming anomaly. Lutheran Pastor and physicist Voldemar Rolle commented:-

" To tie the life-energy of progressive intelligence to our inertia system, it is necessary to associate it with some form of (relative) matter, as happens in the case of photons or electromagnetic waves. This is only possible if the energy can be decelerated to the speed of light or below It seems to me that in your experiments the free life energies of progressive intelligence are successfully decelerated to below the speed of light, bringing them for a limited period of time into our inertia system. I am convinced that the phenomenon you describe is as real as our own existence. Unfortunately, our contemporary science pays no attention to the possibility that a state of pure energy may exist without being associated with matter of any kind. In my opinion it is of the greatest importance to look at the voice-phenomenon from every possible angle... "

p. 319. "Breakthrough."

What then of the voices ? Here is a comment typical of many from Dr Theo Locher, Biel, Switzerland:-

" The supposition that the voices are those of the deceased themselves must be seriously considered. Manifesting voices often refer to conversations in progress and answer questions."

pp. 323 - 324.

Does the Catholic Church via its theologians have anything to say on the matter ? One of the great Catholic philosophers and theologian The Rt.Rev. Mgr Prof. Dr. Charles Pfleger, Chaplain to the Holy See wrote at length on the subject and I associate with him another Catholic Theologian the late Rev. Prof Dr. Gebhard Frei, President of the International Society of Catholic Parapsychologists and Professor of Anthropology and Psychology. Mgr Pfleger:-

" It has been established beyond doubt that these mysterious voices (excepting those ranged in group "C") are clearly audible to everyone... (Thus providing the criteria of objectivity)

Theology should not therefore create too many difficulties for Dr.Raudive's discovery, for dogma is being looked at with fresh eyes today, and even quite fundamental articles of faith are under review, so that it is surely reasonable to accept for consideration this new evidence concerned with the nature of life hereafter... upon which, one must not forget, Christian theology is very vague... "

p 312 "Breakthrough." *

If the Catholic Church is willing to re-examine fundamental articles of faith then presumably so will, or should be scientists. Note the number of questions raised by this subject relating to both theology and science and the profound effects that could accrue if some real money and effort was put into this area.

Now I have to admit an affinity with one Doubting Thomas, who in my view had rather a bad press. I consider him to be one of the first experimental scientists in that he wanted to both see and examine the evidence. What if, as well as hearing voices they could be associated with pictures ? A recent article in the magazine "Vision" devoted to the "Unexplained" contained an article on the subject of "Subliminal Psychic (?) Images on your Television Screen." As with the sound recording technique it outlines the objections and warns of the sheer effort required and tedium involved. Since the claimed images are subliminal and therefore cannot be seen with the naked eye it means that the images have to be recorded and then studied frame by frame using a video recorder which breaks it down as follows:-

" One minute of experimentation corresponds to 1500 images... One day of experimentation corresponds to 216,000 images... From these figures you can see what we mean by tedious... What can be the most demoralising of all, is that the percentage of psycho-images that might appear barely reaches 0.5%."

p. 42 "Vision." Vol 1 No2.

One comment appears at the end of the article which to me would justify some real investment in time and money in this area, ie:-

"What is most surprising about many of the images is that... the 'faces' and figures captured are not always of human appearance." (Their italics.)

Shades of Lilly! Again, whatever the arguments concerning the technique's acceptability at least it satisfies the criteria that results are open to objective examination and assessment by any num-

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ber of people wishing to do so.

The work mentioned so far is dated between the 1960s and early 1980s so what of more recent contributions to this general area?

Another man, writing in 1990 turned his attention to areas very analogous to those under discussion, i.e. the Paranormal, and I include him not only because I feel his work relevant but because he is an astronomer, mathematician and scientist of note, Professor of Astronomy at Glasgow University - **Archie Roy**. He makes it clear at the outset in his work "**A Sense of Something Strange**" as to his attitude and approach to the area.

"All my life I have kept an open mind, forced to do so because of the strange, unorthodox things that have come my way, especially so when it became known many years ago that I am interested in the unusual, in those matters that many people, perhaps most people in our western science-orientated society, dismiss as the result of rubbishy superstitions or mistaken observation or downright fraud. I have listened patiently and noted and investigated, what people in every walk of life have told me and compared their tales with others they did not know. And as a consequence there has grown within me a sense of something strange." [My emphasis.]
p 15 "A Sense of Something Strange."

Having reviewed and assessed the evidence, which he points out comes from a vast body of material he asks:-

"What is the alternative to accepting that such phenomena occur?"

And answers:-

"We would have to assume that all (his emphasis) these reports are the result of fraud, hoax, lies, extreme gullibility, faulty witness, illusion, delusion, misinterpretation, wishful thinking. But we have to go much further than that. We have to assume that over this past century (not to mention previous ones) hundreds upon hundreds of people, of unblemished reputation, trained in observing, sifting and weighing evidence, cautious and sceptical in temperament, immediately on having anything to do with the ostensibly paranormal, become stupid, gullible, in many cases remaining so for years, even though in all other aspects of their activities they continued to demonstrate their intellectual brilliance by producing work putting them in the front rank of highly successful and productive human beings."

p 265.

Whilst I do have some reservations concerning what he says, since there have been some well

known and astute researchers taken in on occasion fundamentally I feel he has made a correct and trenchant point.

Later he argues that we are in a situation regarding these difficult areas not unlike that pertaining to certain areas of scientific research, pointing out that:-

"... the existence of structures, though they may be invisible to direct observation, may be deduced by indirect means..." (He then gives various examples ranging from Neptune, Black Holes and Neutrinos.)

They belong to a level of reality to which our every day language of chairs, tables, locations, speeds and so forth is inapplicable." P.267.

Perhaps Brin was much closer to the truth than he realised when he wrote in his paper the "Great Silence":-

"In this article I have attempted to deal with a subject that, for all of its great importance, is almost ghostly in its intangibility... It might turn out that the Great Silence is like that of a child's nursery wherein adults speak softly, lest they disturb the infant's extravagant and colourful time of dreaming." p.307

Intangible? Perhaps it is time to leave the "nursery" using the greatest tool ever devised, human intelligence allied to human curiosity and will: to set about the greatest exploration we can make i.e. ourselves. When I examine the experiences and observations of scientists working in these fields and compare them with the writings and experiences of mystics ranging from saints to shamans, it emerges that when differences of epoch, culture and vocabulary are allowed for the results are coherent and parallel rather than antagonistic and contradictory.

I would like Lilly to have the penultimate word - the word of a scientist and also to answer my own question asked at the outset as to why I feel research of the nature proposed is important.

"I am a scientific explorer, nothing more, nothing less. My loyalties are to objective exploration, objective experiment, and repeatable testable observations. (I suggest a good definition of the scientific approach.) I value above all else verifiable operational theory, which gives one insight into universal nature and our own inner natures... The miracle is that the universe created a part of itself to study the rest of it, that this part, in studying itself, finds the rest of the universe in its own natural realities."

pp 213-15. T.C.C.

" *In my Father's house are many mansions. [Dimensions ?] If it were not so I would have told you.*"
Jesus Christ.

J. N. McKie M.Th. FRAS.

*FOOTNOTE. In March 1998 the Vatican Observatory announced that they were joining the SETI programme!

HEART OF DARKNESS:

Xenophobia, Racism and Fascism in Ufology Part III: Nation UFO!

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In the first two parts of this essay, originally published in *Strange Daze* magazine, I examined the origin and continuing influence of Fascism and racism on Ufology. Since then, a wealth of new information has turned up, making it necessary to update the article. In a rapidly changing society, not even marginal interests like Ufology stay still for very long. Martin Kottmeyer noted in the *Anomalist* that UFO sightings increase during times of national tension and fear.¹ Given that Fascism and Nazism first emerged as an irrationalist response by arch Conservative groups to the perceived threat of organised labour, democracy, scientific rationalism and feminism, it would be remarkable if the same fear and paranoia did not coincide with Ufology to a certain extent. The Abduction hysteria, remember, began in the 70s when public confidence in the American government plummeted after the Watergate scandal, and when the oil crisis, three day week and political unrest were beginning to bite over here. It increased in the 80s with Strieber's and Hopkins' books, which appeared amidst a backdrop of a renewed Cold War with the Soviet Union, and the perceived threat of an aggressive, radicalised Islam. The phenomenon has continued to grow despite the fall of Communism as the West has continued to decline in the face of energetic economic competition from the Tiger economies of the Far East, including a vigorous China, the continuation of Middle East terrorism and tension and increasing resentment of immigration within the European Community and America. Domestically, Western politics is still in a period of crisis. Confidence in the government is still low, reduced by revelations of secret, unethical experiments involving LSD, syphilis and radiation on the poorest sections of American society, experiments in which their European allies took a keen interest. Politicians' moral con-

duct, as exemplified in the recent scandals over Robin Cook's affair, cash for questions among Conservative politicians and the covert funding of political parties by industrial groups, have continued to cast a long shadow over the integrity of our elected representatives. It would be surprising if these fears did not enter Ufology.

And they have. The most extreme example of this has been in France, which despite it's healthier economy compared to Britain, is undergoing a similar crisis. Culturally, France's influence has shrunk as her north African colonies have reverted to using Arabic as the language of government, while the dominance of American culture in high technology and television and cinema has become a matter of concern for cultural purists. This has resulted in calls for English to be banned on the street in France, and the replacement of English words such as 'software' by French neologisms such as 'le logiciel' by the Academe Francais. The controversy over Salman Rushdie's book, *The Satanic Verses*, which was widely believed by British Muslims to be a blasphemous attack on their faith, has been mirrored in France by the controversial attempts to ban the headscarf worn by Muslim girls in French schools. Unemployment continues to rise, and immigration is increasingly resented. The result has been that Jimmy Guieu, a leading French ufologist with the group IMSA, the World Institute for Advanced Sciences, based in Toulon, has become a close friend of M. Le Pen, the generalissimo of the Front National. According to an article in the *Times*, published in December 97 - January 1998, the X-Files has become hugely popular with members of that particular Gallic organisation. One third of its members are fans of the series, reflecting their own occult interests and paranoia. In some ways this is surprising. The right-wing media watchdog, *Accuracy In Media*, bitterly attacked the X-Files for its supposed Liberal and left-wing bias. The series takes the side of poor immigrants, such as the Haitians in the episode *Dead Bones*, Mexican migrant labourers in *Chupacabras*, and the domestic

homeless, against powerful corporations and covert government groups employing former Nazis, something which presumably wouldn't go down very well with French Fascism considering its collaborationist policy during the German Occupation. In fact one of the sympathetic characters aiding Mulder and Scully in the episode *Fallen Angel* even said, 'I hate Fascists'. Nevertheless, it has gained immense popularity with them, presumably because the Nazis involved are powerful Americans on a quest for global Anglo-Saxon domination, rather than their French counterparts. Resentment of government for allegedly collaborating with the secret elites is a powerful motif in such beliefs, as shown in the violent American Fascist denunciations of the New World Order and the Zionist Occupation Government. According to Jacques Vallee, even the Ummao hoax may have connections to extreme continental political groups, in this case the LaRouche organisation in France and Germany.² Regardless of the psychology of the individuals involved, the result has been to besmirch ufology's, and by extension, Fortean's reputation, by association with such Fascists.

I mentioned in the previous part of this article that the current mythology surrounding Nazi flying saucers is largely due to the efforts of neo-Nazi propagandists Ernst Zundl and Wilhelm Landig. There also appears

to be a connection with Italian Fascism. Unlike German Nazism, Fas-

cism in Italy was never banned. Only the most extreme forms which were influenced by Nazism, such as L'Ordine Nuovo, were proscribed. One of the scientists working on the saucer was supposedly an Italian engineer, Giuseppe Belluzzo, possibly a fiction based on the real Giuseppe Belluzzo, an aeronautical engineer and Fascist senator. When Renate Vesco, who purports to be one of the engineers on the project first published his account of Nazi saucer research, *Intercettati Senza Sparare* (Intercept but don't Shoot) in the magazine *Argosy* in 1969, Italy was entering a renewed period of political tension and violence. In that year 154 acts of political violence were carried out, over 80 per cent of which was by Fascist groups. It is indeed very possible that Vesco had an interest in propagandising suppressed Italian Fascist technology against the new democratic order as a way of gaining support for the movement which spawned it. On the other hand, he could simply have been using the background of Fascist violence to whip up interest for a dubious, but sensational, tale.

Australia similarly has entered a period of tension. Like other parts of the developed world, its economy has slowed down in the past few years, and its supercession by Japan as the major economic force in the

hemisphere has become a source of amazement for many Australians. Australia still attracts immigrants, however, although these are now increasingly from Polynesia, seeking an escape from poverty in their homelands. The White Australia policy, by which the government attempted to exterminate the culture of the last surviving Aborigines after the destruction and genocide of the first European settlements, only ended in 1975. The Australian government last year apologised to its Aboriginal citizens for the policy, sentiments in which it was supported by the Opposition. Unfortunately this has produced a racist backlash against Aboriginal land rights and coloured immigration, led by a former manager of a fish and chip shop. In the ufological field, one result of all this has been the QDW Australia association. This proclaims that it is an association of the 'remaining white race of Atlantis' who survived the decline and destruction of Atlantis, ancient Egypt, and the persecution of the Christian church. They now feel themselves faced with 'another enemy ... the New World Order'.³ They believe that the 'Grey Hospital in Arizona' was built by Atlanteans, and that 'their UFOs are not aeroplanes from beyond the frequency border. They are built here on Earth ... they have their airport here on Earth'.⁴ These Atlanteans, like so many other New Age groups such as Brad Steiger's Star People, be-

lieve that they are really aliens from Sirius, Orion. Actually,

"It's still a piss-poor reason for gassing a lot of Jews"
- Neil Pearson's character to a Nazi supporter,
Between The Lines, BBC TV.

whether they really are aliens or not, this claim is patently rubbish. Sirius is in Canis Major, not Orion, but I digress. QDW runs educational courses on neo-Nazis and international migration, and has a magazine, called, appropriately enough, *Elite*. At their seminars, everyone attending must dress similarly and mobile phones, radios, cameras, and tape and video recorders are forbidden. The overwhelming impression is that QDW is a neo-Nazi organisation which is incorporating modern ufological concerns into its ideology in the same way that Nazism incorporated the beliefs of the nationalistic neo-pagan sects such as the Thule society and the ariosophists which preceded them.

It is Australia which provides the link between this form of Nazism and David Icke. Duncan Roads, the editor of *Nexus*, is a friend of Robert Pash, a former member of the white supremacist group, *Aryan Nations*, and editor of *New Dawn*, which is similar to *Nexus* but with less interest in alternative medicine. Pash has a reputation in Australia as a staunch defender of Qaddafi and Libya. *Nexus'* UK agent, Marcus Allen, helped Icke write his chapter on the Holocaust, and is stated to have spoken admiringly of the notorious revisionist historian David Irving while dis-

playing a copy of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.⁵ There are similarly alleged links between Roads, Icke, Don Martin of the British League of Rights and the Rainbow Ark.⁶ Nexus has published articles on the American Militias by their advocates Linda Thompson and Mark Koernke, and has also published articles on the theories of the German saucer engineer and aeronaut, Viktor Schauberger. That aside, Roads vigorously denies that he has Nazi agenda and it's fair to say that Nexus does have its fair share of left-wing contributors. Most probably Roads merely sees his role as providing an open house to any kind of suppressed conspiracy material, regardless of its political origin, in the same way that Kenn Thomas' Steamshovel Press also gives space to material from Holocaust revisionists and even Saddam Hussein. From what little I've seen of Nexus there does appear to be little in the way of an overtly racist agenda and Lobster's description of it as being 'just a wacky, fascinating but unreliable collection of alternative health cures, alternative technology and conspiracy theories' seems about right.⁷ One of Icke's major influences was William Cooper, whose book 'Behold a Pale Horse' similarly contained the antisemitic forgery, the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Cooper has since turned his back on Ufology as a mistake, and joined the Militias. In fairness to them it ought to be mentioned that not all of them are racists. Although it's been alleged that 60 per cent of the Militias' membership are Christians, only very few of them are supposedly British-Israelites and there is a small Jewish group involved in them - the Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership - which, like their Christian compatriots, see firearms ownership as the only means of defending themselves against possible genocide. It's an extreme position, but not unreasonable given the violent persecution under which the Jews have suffered for most of their history. The intensely right-wing nature of their views, paramilitary organisation and conspiracist view of history marks them out as members of the radical right and justifies terming them 'Fascists', however, even though racist links may be tenuous. The Fasci di Combattimento of Mussolini's regime weren't originally racist, and there were even five Jews among the organisation's founders, the Sansepolcristi. The Duce's turn to racism in 1938 after the pact with Hitler was greeted by loud protests from some of his staunchest blackshirts, including one of the regime's leading ideologues, Tommaso Marinetti. Even during the Holocaust, one of the greatest Italian Fascist war heroes was Ovato, a strongly patriotic general whose Jewish identity was no obstacle to his promotion in Mussolini's new Rome. Racism is only one aspect in the noisome stew of beliefs informing the radical right, and one which Fascists try to play down whenever politically convenient.

The problem is further compounded by the fact that those making the charges of racism are often not without blame themselves. The Anti-Defamation League, a Jewish organisation that vigorously prosecutes Fascists

and Nazis in the US is obviously something of a bete noir among American racists, who see it as one of the cornerstones of the Jewish elite occupying America. Of course, it is no such thing. Yet the ADL was fined \$75,000 for bribing a San Francisco police officer, Tom Gerard, into handing over police files not only on racists, but on leftists and anti-apartheid activists. This led to speculation that it was part of a deal between Israel and the apartheid regime in South Africa, which supplied the Israelis with nuclear weapons.⁸ Antisemitic and Nazi groups often disguise their racial hatred of Jewry under a guise of opposition to Zionism, rather than overtly declaring their prejudices. This makes any genuine criticism of Israel difficult, as the critic may automatically be considered racist by reason of the appropriation of his arguments by genuine Nazis. That said, there is no doubt that when an American disciple of Billy Meier attacked a rationalist debunking of the notorious hoaxer's claims with the statement that the offending book was probably financed by the ADL 'that is known in the USA as the 'Jewish GESTAPO', whose members long to exterminate UFO groups and others by means of underhanded murder and other methods!'⁹ it's clear that the person who wrote it was a genuine antisemite, rather than simply a tactless follower of international politics. Meier is, apparently, attempting to pass himself off as yet another new Messiah, the latest reincarnation of Jesus, whose 'last true testament', the Talmud Immanuel, he was led to by the Pleiadeans. The name of Semjase, the female Pleiadean captain who bore an uncanny likeness to Meier's girlfriend and who initiated the contact with Meier, is remarkably similar to that of the rebel angel's leader, Semjaza, in the book of Enoch, who brought down the wrath of God for teaching humanity 'enchancements and rootcuttings'.¹⁰ It's possible that the old fraudster made genuine contact with Lucifer who led him astray into dark ufological secrets, but more likely he just liked the sound of the name and the plausibility it gave his bizarre theories. Regardless of this, Meier evidently is heading down the same path as Rael, another space prophet whose teachings have decidedly Fascist undertones. Rael is a former French racing journalist, Claude Vorilhon, who claims to have made contact with the Elohim, benevolent extraterrestrials who founded our civilisation, in the Pyrenees in the 60s. It's Rael who's trying to get money together to make an embassy in Israel for the Elohim for when they finally arrive to usher in the new age. When that happens, the human race will be 'genetically purified' and humanity will live in luxury, and all the demeaning work will be done for us by a genetically engineered slave race. The Raelian symbol was originally a swastika in a Star of David, but was changed to a swirling pattern within the Star to avoid upsetting his Israeli hosts. Although the Elohim praise democracy, Rael's is essentially an authori-

tarian movement with all wisdom and guidance flowing from the Elohim via Rael, and the prophet has stated that in the coming order democracy will be abolished. Rael himself seems to want to put his ideas on genetic purity into practice and has engaged the services of a Swiss geneticist in order to have himself cloned. He's trying to set up Clonaid, a charity by which you can clone yourself, and insuraclone, an insurance company which takes cells from your child to develop into a cloned replica, should the original be killed. All this is disturbingly close to Nazism, although Rael does not seem to discriminate against present human races. He merely wants to create a slave one for us. As for abolishing democracy, Anthony Grey, a former Reuters correspondent, has stated that it's all a misinterpretation of the great man's message. Instead of democracy, the Raelians propose genocracy 'rule by intelligence'.¹¹ In the Raelian scheme of things, only those who are of a certain level of intelligence will be able to vote. It's supposed to be elitist, but not Fascistic. Actually, it's exactly the same idea the notoriously right-wing Ayn Rand has peddled in her books, and very close to the technocratic elite the Duce proposed when he declared that Fascism did not believe in dictatorship *per se*, but only 'the dictatorship of will and intelligence'. Although French, the movement Rael founded is international and has several groups within the UK. In France itself, Rael has faced bitter controversy, so that he was forced to take refuge in Canada. QDW may be Australian in origin, but it has groups spreading their poison in Germany.

One Fascist ufological group which seems entirely homegrown was APEN. APEN was supposed to be a UFO research organisation, the acronym standing for Aerial Phenomena Enquiry Network, presumably based on APRO's monicker, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation. This first announced itself through a tape sent to Jenny Randles which included a Nazi marching song and propaganda broadcast from the War. Thereafter other members received messages through the post which were often threatening, and a house belonging to one of the Midland's UFO groups was broken into and their files examined. APEN claimed responsibility. One of the letters sent to Randles contained a Nazi propaganda magazine whose name translated into English as Spearhead. Although it claimed to be an international organisation with headquarters in America, the hoax seems to have been confined purely to the UK. Examination of the evidence by Peter Rogerson later led him to declare that the hoaxter was probably Bryan Jeffrey, a Cambridge University student with an interest in infiltrating neo-Nazi groups. APEN did, however, claim that the government was involved in an operation to produce fake UFOs, a notion that has become increasingly popular with the American far-Right. Far-rahkan in particular seems to believe that the government was falsifying a UFO invasion in order to prepare the way for the Fascistic New World Order, and Jacques Vallee's novel 'Fastwalker' is based on the same

idea.

A definite ufological infiltrator of Fascist groups is the head of the Lancashire UFO Society, Tim Matthews. As Tim Hepple, Matthews joined the BNP several years ago, before seeing the error of his ways and offering his services to the anti-Fascist organisation, Searchlight. The controversy surrounding him comes from allegations that he was also infiltrating anarchist groups and is an agent provocateur for MI 5, via Searchlight. The controversy broke over into the ufological sphere when the conspiracy magazine, Lobster, printed a brief mention of him and his alleged past in connection with the Lancashire group with the implication that somehow he was infiltrating them, too, on behalf of his shadowy masters. Matthews himself denies that he has any hidden agenda in joining ufology, and stands by his work for Searchlight in disrupting the activities of the BNP. There is a hidden dimension to the controversy far beyond any alleged activities of Matthews. There is an intense rivalry between Searchlight and other antifascist activists, and several have made the accusation that Searchlight is quite prepared to smear them with the accusation that they are Nazis if they seem to threaten Searchlight's precious position as the main conduit for antifascist activity.¹² There also seems to be some kind of feud between Matthews on the one hand, and Larry O'Hara and Armen Victorian, two of Lobster's contributors, on the other. While much of what Victorian writes in Lobster is interesting, he is not without blemish, having a conviction for orchid smuggling. Those Fortean's I've personally come across who've been at the receiving end of his investigative reporting state that they have found him aggressive and intimidating, and that he alleged that he had some type of dossier on them. At the very least, this means that much of what he says should be taken with a pinch of salt. O'Hara's central idea, as outlined in his pamphlet Turning Up The Heat: MI5 after the Cold War, is that now the Communist threat is gone, MI5 is turning to infiltrating domestic Fascist, Anarchist and other radical groups and turning them towards violence in order to manufacture a new enemy which will guarantee it funding and employment into the next millenium. It's an interesting view, and one not without merit, but even Lobster's editor, Robin Ramsay, has said that his arguments are rather tenuous. O'Hara also seems to believe that opposition to organised Fascism should take the form of grass roots organisations, rather than state interference. This is not a belief that I share. The state's first duty is to protect the lives and property of its citizens, and I would prefer that the state does this, which at least has some machinery for answering to the public, than private groups, which, no matter how well intentioned, can soon descend into the worst excesses of vigilanteism and mob rule. The accusation then, is not so much whether Matthews is a Fascist, but whether he is a state asset attempting to disrupt ufology. Personally, I don't think so. There's enough

factionalism and in-fighting in British ufology already to destabilize it, without organizing a secret network of infiltrators. The nasty mess left in BUFORA by the feud between Jenny Randles and Phil Mantle came from entirely home-grown conflicts, without any involvement of outside forces. Also, does it make sense for a known infiltrator to adopt as high a profile as the leader of a UFO group, especially after he was forced to change his name following his previous mission? It also has to be said that BUFORA really isn't a logical target for state manipulation, although I can well believe that the state would take an interest in the activities of some of its members, in so far as they could possibly affect the security of Britain's defence establishment. BUFORA, sadly, is no longer quite the proud force it once was. The most visible UFO organisation in the country is arguably Quest, largely thanks to their newstand magazine. It would make far more sense to disrupt them as the major threat to the stability of the British state than to select BUFORA. In short, while there is some truth in the accusation that Matthews was a Fascist, he isn't now. The controversy, unfortunately, continues and may disrupt quality ufology in this country for some time to come.

Aside from Matthews' Nazi past, BUFORA had its own Fascists in the shape of George Spurgeon and Patrick Harrington. Spurgeon was, as I've mentioned in the previous part of this article, a vicious and vociferous member of the BNP who seemed to see the Witness Support Group and its magazine, *Rapport*, as a platform for spreading his own poisonous views. Spurgeon joined the group after he befriended its organiser, Ken Philips, after having a sighting of some kind, and became its investigations' manager. There was, however, precious little in the way of investigation, and Spurgeon merely seemed interested in publishing long, sub-Kiplingesque rants about immigrants, feminists and anyone else whom he decided to hate. It was due chiefly to Spurgeon's influence that Patrick Harrington came into the fold. Harrington is another member of the BNP and was one of its leader's, Tyn-dall's, right-hand men (no pun intended) during the NF split during the mid-eighties. It's been alleged that Harrington joined because at the time BUFORA were looking for a cheap printer for *UFO Times*, and Spurgeon pointed them in his direction. Few in BUFORA seem to have been aware, or interested in Harrington's political views, and I doubt many shared them. If BUFORA was a nest of venomous racists, then Judith Jaafar's surname alone would have prevented her from joining, let alone from being promoted to her current position, for example. Spurgeon himself was the only racist in the Witness Support Group, and his views caused definite offense to its other members. Only Philips himself seemed willing to tolerate them, trying to pass off his comments as some kind of politically incorrect joke in the manner of a Carry On film, rather than the poison it actually was. Closely involved in the Witness Support Group was Mary Seal, the

'conspiracy queen' featured in *Fortean Times* 68. Although she herself may not be a Fascist, one of the speakers invited to her conference on conspiracies was Eustace Mullins, a prominent figure on the American far Right. Mullins has published a number of books allegedly exposing the scams behind the federal banking system, such as *'Secrets of the Federal Reserve'*. Although he's trying to play down his antisemitism, he still has a pronounced hatred of the Jews and, of course, the federal government and New World Order. Having mentioned this, any direct influence Mullins may have had on the ufological sphere is slight. Seal's planned conference was not a success, and the Witness Support Group seems to have collapsed with the death of its founder, Ken Philips.

Traces of the influence of some of these fascist ideas can be found, however, in the writings of Matthew Williams, in the pages of his magazine, *Truthseeker's Review*. Williams himself is neither a racist nor a Fascist, his political beliefs tending towards anarchism if I've read his article *'Pyramid Class'* correctly. This, however, does not exonerate him from the charge of being influenced by fascist doctrines. The Fascist party in Italy emerged from a bizarre alliance of anarcho-syndicalist and ultra-nationalist groups, and many of the ultra-right wing American groups have similar libertarian views. The intensely racist Posse Comitatus, which has been involved in racist violence and intimidation in the American south and midwest, does not believe in any kind of government beyond the level of the local county. Williams' ufological beliefs are also driven by the same paranoid conspiracism that permeates the American militias, seemingly derived from reading David Icke's ... *And the Truth Shall Set you Free* and Tim Good's *Above Top Secret*. In Williams' case his paranoia seems to centre on Rudloe Manor, the centre of RAF Intelligence, Menwith Hill, an intelligence listening post run jointly with the Americans, and elaborate occult conspiracies involving the Freemasons. Given the excessive government secrecy cloaking this country and the increased use of surveillance by police and private concerns, there are clearly civil liberties issues here. Shadowy intelligence departments such as DI 55 and the DSTI do monitor UFO sightings intently, and members of these may have urged some witnesses into silence in the manner of the MIB of ufolore. These, however, have apparently been compounded and superceded in Williams' own thinking by the bizarre mythology of a vast Masonic conspiracy. *Truthseeker's Review* has carried several articles in the past on occult symbolism, and the subliminal influence of occult groups in shaping the environment. His article *'Washington Pyramid'* is similar in concept to the pamphlet by the London Geographical Association which claimed to see signs of occult power in the urban planning of central London, centring on Canary Wharf. This, they declared, was the new omphale - occult

navel of the Earth - controlled by the Masons as part of their plans for magickal dominance. The LGA were probably writing with their tongues in their cheeks, but there are an awful lot of people who believed them. It's the same fascination with occult lines of mystical power which permeated much of 60s ley hunting. This took its inspiration mainly from Chinese geomancy - feng shui - in which dragon lines of power girdle the Earth. To ensure prosperity, it becomes vital that the individual or company sites their house and even furniture in correct relation to these lines. At the end of the 19th century, the *voelkisch* ideologues whose ideas were to become central to the Nazi party also claimed to see mystical patterns in the landscape which bore out their racist theories of 'blood and soil'. Like everything else, ley hunting has an underside. A very dark underside.

A far less tenuous connection with the Nazis is the paranoia concerning the Masons. As I said in the first part of 'Heart of Darkness', there have always been fears of an occult conspiracy involving the Illuminati and the Freemasons since Robison wrote his 'Proofs of a Conspiracy' in New York in the late eighteenth century. These fears became crystallised in the writings of Nesta Webster, whose voluminous works stated that the Freemasons were really the heirs to Jewish qabbalism and so were part of the Jewish international banking conspiracy to bring down the West and replace the then aristocratic order with democracy and Communism. In Germany these ideas were spread by Gregor Schwartz-Bostunitsch, whose 1922 book *Freemasonry and the Russian Revolution* followed Webster's lead. A bitter hatred of Freemasonry was the hallmark of both the Third Reich and Fascist Italy, and the craft was banned in both. While the Masonic oath and characteristic secrecy surely leaves the Masons open to corruption, there is a civil liberties issue here far beyond any alleged plot regarding them. The cornerstone of the British constitution is freedom of association and belief. You may set up whatever clubs, associations or societies you wish, and believe whatever you wish, as long as you do not do so for criminal purposes. Sinn Féin, for example, is permitted because it is a party political organisation. The IRA, on the other hand, is proscribed because it is a paramilitary organisation which uses violence for its ends. The same rules apply to the Loyalist paramilitaries and their political parties. Although in the case of these groups the close association between them renders the distinction academic, it's important enough to prevent the suppression of the parties under the law. If the Freemasons were banned, it would be a blow against the right of freedom of association and would present a dangerous precedent for the proscription of other groups. While the Freemasons continue to present themselves as primarily a social club which performs charitable work, there is no legitimate reason for banning them. Individual Masons or Masonic groups may engage in illegal and clandestine activities, such as the P2 lodge in Italy which was involved in neofascist ter-

rorism, for which it was banned by the Italian government in 1982. The Masons as a whole continue, because the movement in general is not a criminal organisation. Furthermore, real conspiracies are hardly monolithic. They're often run for short-term goals by a number of frequently competing factions. Even if they aimed at absolute control of human society, they could never achieve it. Human civilisation is so vast and unpredictable that no clandestine group could ever seize and maintain a monopoly of power for very long, and certainly not for the centuries and millennia the classic conspiracy theorists believe. In short '(t)here has never been, to be sure, a single, monolithic Communist Conspiracy of the sort postulated by the American John Birch Society in the 1950s and 1960s. Nor has there ever been an all-encompassing International Capitalist Conspiracy, a Jewish World Conspiracy, a Masonic Conspiracy, or Universal Vatican Conspiracy. And nowadays, contrary to the apparent belief of millions, neither a vast Underground Satanist Conspiracy nor an Alien Abduction Conspiracy exists... For as surely as none of the abovementioned Grand Conspiracies has ever existed, diverse groups of communists, capitalists, zionists, masons and catholics have in fact secretly plotted, often against one another, to accomplish various specific but limited political objectives'.¹³ Real conspiracies, on the other hand, such as those involving the international espionage agencies, are often by groups and individuals of which one rarely hears, such as the IRD or the British-American Project for the Successor Generation. This started off as a Republican organisation intended to continue the work begun by Thatcher and Reagan. It's members now include significant numbers of Blairite Labour politicians as well as Conservatives. You won't read about it in the press, however. In a story reported by Private Eye, when a hack on one of the broadsheets did try writing a story on them, his piece was brusquely spiked by his editor because he, too, was a member of the BAPSG. By banning the Masons, far from taking a step towards a freer, more open society, Britain would instead be advancing towards a far more authoritarian order.

Outside of BUFORA, accusations of Fascist tendencies have also been levelled at Quest International, and Gordon Creighton of Flying Saucer Review. The Birdsall brothers were, according to one vicious rumour, turned down for jobs at MI5 for alleged connections to the far Right. In fact it's quite difficult to join MI5 and there could well have been a number of factors against them which have nothing to do with any alleged political affiliations. Certain parts of the British secret state will not take anyone whose parents are not both British. If one of their parents wasn't, then no matter how conventional their politics may be, they would be deemed a security risk. It also has to be said here that the long-

standing enmity of ufologists for the secret services would not exactly endear them if they were to try those very same organisations as prospective employers. All this aside, if they had applied for a post and been rejected, they certainly would not have been told the reason. Any alleged reasons for their rejection would therefore be purely speculative. The kernel of the allegation seems to be that recent issues of UFO Magazine have carried adverts from Dave Scoffins, a virulent racist with connections to the Aryan Nations and Christian Identity. UFO Magazine does carry some extremely dubious adverts, such as that for the January-February 1998 issue in which a Mr. D. Cooper of Skipton offers to unveil 'the link between UFOs, MJ 12, the Illuminati & Freemasonry, the Bilderbergers, the R.I.I.A., the covert world of high finance.'¹⁴ This is classic conspiracy stuff, but one which is sadly par for the course considering the current trend in elaborate paranoia infecting ufology. This does not, however, mean that the Birdsalls are Fascists themselves. Like Kenn Thomas, they could merely be trying to keep an open house for reasoned discussion of extreme ideas, or be genuinely unaware of the writer's extreme political beliefs. Mr. Cooper, for example, may well be a convinced antifascist and antiracist whose thinking has been poisoned by arguments from the far Right. One issue of Fortean Times, which certainly is not a Fascist mouthpiece by any stretch of the imagination, carried an advert which was withdrawn after a reader, responding to it, found that the material supplied was a tract vehemently defending racial nationalism. The Fortean Times' reply to his letter declared that their magazine carried material from a wide variety of sources, as they did not believe in censorship. Nevertheless, they agreed to withdraw the offending advertisement.

As for Gordon Creighton, his denunciation of the Greys as 'Communist djinn' and various left-wing and liberal groups as enemies of society hardly portray him as a liberal himself. Those issues of the FSR I have seen do not seem to show any racist inclinations, and from what I recall the jeremiad against the decline of society was broadly similar to the kind of rantings of Conservative politicians and journalists against unmarried mothers and unwashed youth in such middle brow tabloids as the Daily Mail. It might be offensive to some, but it doesn't necessarily entail the acceptance of racist or ultranationalistic views. The image that emerges from his writings is that of an old school Conservative with some eccentric beliefs.

The broad picture that comes out of all this, however, is that unlike America British ufology seems to be relatively untainted with Fascism and racism. America was the birthplace of modern ufology, and in the 50 years since Britain hasn't thrown up material like the MJ 12 documents nor the Roswell crash, Rendlesham Forest notwithstanding. Similarly, Britain fortunately has not suffered from scandals of the magnitude of the Tuskegee, LSD and radiation experiments, or Watergate. Neither has Britain suffered the trauma of losing an un-

popular war such as Vietnam. The result is that although interest in politics may be declining and the British public cynical, thanks to exposes of politicians' venality and sexual misadventures, there is enough confidence in the status quo not to produce a violent paramilitary reaction such as that infecting the American midwest. For all the channellers who have now emerged since the rise of the New Age movement, none have the sordid character of Dharma, one of the classic old ladies in tennis shoes' who utters the Nazi bilge of her Pleidean alter ego, the nine and a half foot tall reptilian, Hattonn. This particular personality has its own mouthpiece, *Contact*, formerly *The Phoenix Liberator*. America has thrown up a number of Contactee leaders of new religious movements such as George Adamski, Ruth Norman and Elizabeth Clare Prophet. Britain merely threw up George King, who later moved to America. King, as far as I know, wasn't a racist, and a recent video of the Aetherians in action with their prayer meter screened on ITV just before Christmas, showed that his religion certainly included Blacks as well as Whites, suggesting that to him race and colour were immaterial. Sadly, this hasn't been true of some American contactees. Ruth Norman was sincerely antiracist, although no doubt the twee, saccharine way she expressed it would have struck many as condescending. George Van Tassel, one the other hand, whose unfinished integraton still stands out in the midwest, had the same racist views of the Reverend Wesley Swift, the founder of Aryan Nations. Some of this may be due to Britain lacking a tradition of institutionalised racism as in America. Although British society certainly wasn't untainted with racial prejudice, it did not have system of segregation which pertained in America, and the British government did not introduced the notorious eugenics laws passed by several American states to prevent the procreation of handicapped children beginning in the early teens, long before the rise of National Socialism in Germany. The institutionalised racist violence and exploitation which did occur was confined largely to her colonies such as Australia, South Africa and the slave plantations in the Caribbean. The result has been that organised racism has lacked an institutional base on which to grow, though this is no reason for complacency. As I have mentioned before, Britain similarly does not have a revolutionary tradition. Those revolutions that did occur, such as Magna Carta and the Interregnum, did not unseat the monarchy, or did so only for a short time. The result is that British patriotism has traditionally been linked to the royal family, rather than to revolutionary protest, like the American War of Independence. The result is that self-styled 'national revolutionaries' like certain elements on the far Right

come across not as patriots, but as, well, extremist lunatics. Of the domestic Fascist and antisemitic organisations that grew up between the Wars, only English Mistery adopted the type of voelkisch mysticism that informed the German Nazi party.

The British similarly aren't particularly religious, and seem to be largely bored with the current furore over the approaching Millenium. This appears to me to be more than amply borne out by the release of the K2 Plant Hire's, formerly the Kopyright Liberation Front, formerly the Justified Ancients of Mummu, CD "*F*ck The Millenium*". Unlike in America and elsewhere, there isn't millenial rage here so much as apathy.

The result is that British ufology has largely had to import its racist rantings from the American and Australian racist fringe. There is racist material out there, but in the Fortean sphere it's often mixed in with material from liberal and left-wing researchers. When it is published, it is often done so by genuinely liberal individuals who may either not be aware of its origins, or if they are, simply consider it immaterial to their greater goal of challenging censorship, whether from Right or Left. Where the Nazis and Fascists have entered ufology in Britain, it's often been through personal contact with individual members of Fascist organisations, frequently by people drawn into the conspiracism endemic in the subject. To the politically naive new to the bizarre world of parapolitics, the extreme Right is ever eager to supply plausible proof for the guilt of its religious and racial scapegoats.

The only way to combat this is to be aware of what you're reading and its ultimate provenance. I doubt that Icke really is a genuine racist. He just isn't aware of the falsity of the material he's retailing and the Nazi character of those who are supplying it to him. Neither, apparently, does Mary Seal. The fact that they aren't racially motivated lends a spurious plausibility to their beliefs that makes it acceptable to a new generation of readers, such as Matthew Williams. The best way to combat this material is by vigorously challenging it at every level and by denying its purveyors an outlet in decent ufology. The responsibility for this lies on every ufologist and researcher. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

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THE FORGOTTEN AUTOPSY FILM

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Ray Santilli's 'alien autopsy film' is without doubt the most controversial piece of film ever to surface in ufo-logical history. Even more controversial than Ed Walters and his UFO photographs in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Most people have viewed the film either on TV or on high street video releases, such as the Fox broadcast 'Alien Autopsy - Fact or Fiction' produced by Bob Kiviat. The film has been screened on TV in over 22 countries around the world. But most people have not seen all of the film in Ray Santilli's possession as it has not been released either on TV or video.

THE TENT FOOTAGE

For example, a short segment of film loosely called 'the tent footage' has only been seen on TV in Japan and by researchers mainly on poor quality 'pirate' copies. This segment of film allegedly shows one of the alleged 'aliens' being examined on-site in some kind of tent. I myself have a poor quality copy of this piece of film on video and it is hard to make out many details. However, a clear copy is in the possession of Ray Santilli as I have seen it, admittedly only once, but if nothing else this clear copy does allow one to view the peoples faces.

UNRELEASED AUTOPSY FILM

The one piece of film that has gone unreleased, and has been seen by only a handful of people outside of Ray Santilli's company, is the other autopsy film. To the best of my knowledge the only people to see this are myself, my wife Sue, Maurizio Baiata (Italian researcher), Reg Presley and Colin Andrews (UK UFO and crop circle researchers).

This other autopsy is filmed in the same room as the one released on TV, with a very similar medical procedure carried out. However, there are some radical dif-

ferences with the autopsy film that has been released. For example, the film does not go out of focus so much as the camera does not get so close, making things clearer to view. An examination of the 'creature's' vagina takes place where an instrument is inserted and something is removed. When the chest cavity is dissected a small opaque object is removed and it can be seen quite clearly unlike the released autopsy film where this object is seen only briefly and is out of focus. Having seen this unreleased film only once these are the only major differences that I can remember.

WHY NO RELEASE?

What do these other pieces of film have to say about the whole alien autopsy film controversy. Why, for example, have only poor quality copies of the 'tent footage' been released. Critics argue that this is to hide the identity of the people featured in it as the clear version does show their faces quite clearly. Ray Santilli argues that the cameraman's memory surrounding this film is a little hazy and they cannot tie him down to accurate explanation of what's taking place in the film. Why has the other autopsy film not been released? Ray Santilli has said is that it is because of the sensitive nature of the examination of the creatures vagina. Critics argue that if this other, clearer film were released it would show that the 'aliens' were in fact special effect dummies as their dimensions are exactly the same, hence they were manufactured from the same cast. This is based on a few poor quality frames from the film that have been released. Ray Santilli continually states that the film will be released when the time is right.

CONTINUED CONTROVERSY

One thing is quite clear and that is the release of these other films would fuel the controversy even further. The faces of the individuals in the 'tent footage' might be able to be identified. If so, they could be bona fide doctors or mere actors. The other autopsy film, because of its better quality, could reveal names or dates

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on the clipboard that the 'doctors' write on, that might lead to identifying bona fide surgeons. Alternatively, close scrutiny of the creature on the slab might reveal tell-tale signs of a special effects dummy which would mean the end of Evidence for and against the authenticity of the alien autopsy film can be presented but as yet proof positive either way has yet to be forthcoming. Such proof, one way or the other, might lay with the release of these films. While they go unreleased it can only fuel yet further suspicion and controversy.

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Recently I came across a book, "From Atlantis to the Sphinx" (Virgin Books, price £12.99 hardback) by Colin Wilson. Now normally I'd run a mile from a book with the dreaded 'A' word in the title, but in this case I recognised the author, Colin Wilson as a writer of good reputation, coming from a serious background. I'd read many of his books before and found them entertaining and scholarly, a difficult trick to pull off, so I decided to read it.

The book is an overview of all of the latest, and needless to say controversial, research carried out at Giza, home of the pyramids and the Sphinx. He reviews the work of Graham Hancock, author of "Fingerprints of the Gods" and Robert Bauval's "Orion Mystery", along with many older books - Hapgood's "Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings" - and many more. He also delves back into prehistory, before written records were kept, and sheds some light on our cousins Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon man. An interesting book, but it helps if you have read Hancock and Bauval at least.

Mr Wilson's book contains many fascinating stories and anecdotes, however, the one I found most interesting is on page 331. Here he admits that despite many years of research he is hardly any further forward in finding out how the ancient Egyptians moved the huge blocks of stone that made up the Great Pyramid. Not only that, but then placing them on top of each other to a height of 481 ft and an angle of 52 degrees with a dazzling accuracy that even now engineers would find hard to replicate, not to mention the internal chambers and galleries in the middle of the huge edifice. He puts forward several theories, but as he admits himself, none of these theories take all the data into account.

By page 331, he has more or less reached an impasse when he decides to write to a manufacturing engineer, who has done research on the Great Pyramid, asking him whether he has any practical, or even impractical, suggestions on how these massive blocks were moved. By way of reply, the engineer sent Wilson a peculiar little pamphlet entitled "A Book In every Home" by Edward Leedskalnin published by the author in Homestead, Florida. It seems that Leedskalnin was an eccentric who lived in a place called Coral Castle, Florida, which he built himself using blocks weighing up to 30 tons! Leedskalnin died in 1952 without divulging his secrets, although in 28 years, he quarried, moved and erected a total of 1,110 blocks despite being a slender man and only 5 ft 2 in tall.

The pamphlet tells that as a young man, it seems he was unlucky in love (weren't we all), so he moved to Florida where, apparently, he developed a way of moving huge stone blocks weighing between 6 and 30 tons!

The engineer Christopher Dunn had already visited the Coral Castle in 1982, but after some gentle prompting from Colin Wilson he visited it again. This second visit convinced Dunn that Leedskalnin had been telling the truth when he stated in his pamphlet 'I know the secret of how the Egyptians built the pyramids!' Now that is the kind of statement made either by a genius or a madman, and although there are a lot more of the latter wandering the world, we must remember that Leedskalnin did not just spout empty words. He had the Coral Castle to show that his theories were not just empty words. At one point the Coral Castle was visited by members of the U.S. government, but Leedskalnin refused to divulge his secret even to them. The only hint he would drop (for what it's worth) was that 'all matter consists of individual magnets, and it is the movement of these magnets within the material through space that produces measurable phenomena, i.e. magnetism

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and electricity.' Everyone follow that? Pseudoscientific jargon or words of genius, your guess is as good as mine. My scientific education just managed to reach 'O' level and I have no training in electromagnetic phenomena, and neither do 99% of the population. Perhaps someone reading this can shed some light. [Somewhat of a generalisation, but pretty much correct - scientific ed.]

Leedskalnin earned neither money nor fame for his work, so I think we can rule out two of the hoaxer's great motivations. Dunn believes that Leedskalnin may have stumbled onto magnetic levitation. Even as I write, a German magnetic levitation (mag-lev) train has broken the World speed record at well over 400 km/hr. Egyptians using a form of magnetic levitation for raising the pyramids? It's a vast leap from 20th century Florida to second millennium B.C. Egypt so we must be very careful when making sweeping statements.

What we do know is that the ancient Egyptians knew about pi many centuries before the Greeks supposedly discovered it. They also knew about precession, the complicated astronomical system for working out the movement of the stars due to the periodic wobble of the Earth's poles, thus giving us the Ages of the Earth, Pisces, Leo, Aries and the one we are currently about to enter, the age of Aquarius, the period of precession lasting 26,000 years (to be exact 25,920 years). So again, the ancient Egyptians knew about the precession of the equinoxes millennia before orthodox historians say (orthodox historians say that Hipparchus discovered precession in Greece in 134 B.C.). These are just two of the discoveries made in ancient Egypt long before the orthodox history of science say they were made. Going back to Leedskalnin and his Coral Castle, a photograph taken in his backyard shows a device that looks like three telephone poles leaning together to form a tripod, with a square box on top of the tripod. Wires descend from the box and hang between the poles.

No such tripod or box were found on Leedskalnin's property after his death, so either he dismantled it prior to his death, or someone else got there first (cue X-Files theme). To lift his blocks by magnetism would have meant covering each block in a coat of iron or steel, which would of course make them even heavier, needing more power. To go back to the pyramid builders, not only must they have had access to a technology greater (or at least a totally different type of technology) than ours, but also a source of high voltage power of some sort. All this is just about possible by giving them much benefit of the doubt, but surely they would have left some record of their incredible achievement. They did leave records in the form of temple-friezes and hieroglyphs of just about everything they did from their daily lives to the great battles they fought. It is entirely possible that they decorated the snow white sides of the Great Pyramid, which we know was covered in hieroglyphs and giant pictures from Grek travellers who saw it in almost pristine condition. Unfortunately, over the centuries, masons, to build the city of Cairo, looted the limestone covering. The Great Pyramid is surely one of the most incredible sights in the World, even in its present condition. One can only begin to imagine what it must have looked like in perfect condition.

Whatever the truth is, human beings will continue to stare in awe at the pyramids, mighty creations of a long dead civilisation and wonder about the people who made them just as they will do for many more millennia.

John McDonald with thanks to Martin and Alan.

N.B. Any reader with any information on Leedskalnin or his device can get in touch with me via the Editorial address.



LETTERS: Tim Matthews

In the last issue of Strange Daze we had a review of Tim Matthews' UFO conference in Southport, the second part of David Sivier's Heart of Darkness series, and a letter from Tim Matthews. In this issue we continue the debate over the "Nazi UFO issue", with this letter received from Tim in answer to Kevin McClure's recent document, "Secrets or Lies?" - Ed.

Dear Dave and colleagues,

I received this morning the latest McClure missive on so-called "Nazi UFOs" entitled "Secrets or Lies? Investigating the Nazi UFO legends" which, true to form, erects a number of false arguments in order to knock them down.

Despite the fact that I have sent Kevin McClure several letters he has quite obviously failed to read them.

McClure has significant influence with 'Fortean Times' magazine, the largest "paranormal" and "strange phenomena" journal in the UK, and will, no doubt, eventually use this forum to debunk my work. What's the bet-

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ting that he'll volunteer to debunk my book when it comes out in several months time? Will future efforts be so misleading?

Let's hope not!

Where are all the ethics and principles as noted in several issues of "Abduction Watch" (which I subscribe to and actively promote in my own magazine "UFO NEWS") here? They seem curiously absent. Just last week Kevin attempted to discourage the British UFO Research Association from allowing Malcolm Robinson to speak at their forthcoming London lecture. This week I'm the target.

What a shame.....

His letter, which runs into several unnecessary pages, concentrates almost entirely upon debunking my latest fully researched and referenced report entitled "Flying Saucers - Secret History!" (in lower case) as well as having a pop at a few other people including Bill Rose. McClure's main thesis appears to be that the few of us interested in this subject believe in a 'legend' that: *"depends on unproven claims, on individuals with extreme right-wing beliefs, and on publishers and magazines keen to profit from sensational material, even where there is no evidence to suggest that it is true."*

(The suggestion that there is money in researching man-made flying saucers is a good joke.)

The first part of this statement is just nonsense, as are Kevin's assertions about supposed 'standard' and 'conventional history' texts - which might be better described as those which tell people little of importance and which tell the half truth and nothing like the truth.

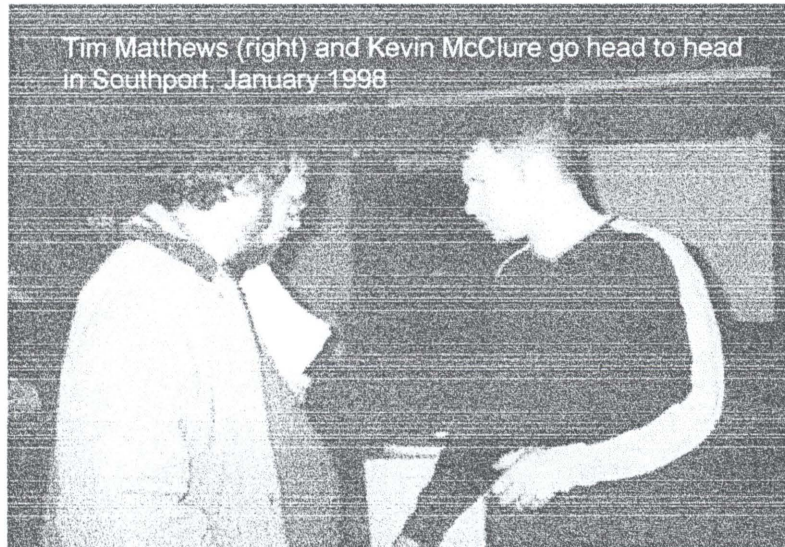
Specifically, Kevin uses guilt by association to debunk my, and others, research. His letter, no doubt mailed to all and sundry (and to whom I have little chance of a gaining a fair hearing) at a cost that I cannot hope to equal deliberately misrepresents my report.

The FACTS are that in my "Flying Saucers - Secret History!" report:

- **there is only the briefest and negative mention made of the author Renate Vesco.**
- **there is NO interest shown in either the so-called "feuerball" or "kugelblitz" aerial devices.**
- **there is but the briefest - and negative mention - made of the occult and paranormal lunacy surrounding the "Nazi" UFO topic.**

- **there is NO use of extreme right-wing material.**
- **NO interest is shown in the Nazi Polar/Antarctic myth.**
- **the information, theories and other material made available through "Vanguard Sciences" are NOT referred to at all.**
- **only a minority of the document actually deals with supposed "Nazi" UFOs (!).**
- **the main part of the document deals with post-war developments including those that are supported by, amongst other things, declassified Intelligence documents.**
- **contrary to the misleading information put out by McClure, there is no attempt to erect a specific theory that there is a "secret history of the devel-**

opment of black and secret weapons development under the cover of UFO sightings and explanations" even though this might indeed be the case.



Tim Matthews (right) and Kevin McClure go head to head in Southport, January 1998

Other points:
Both Robert Jungks' acclaimed "Brighter Than a Thousand

Suns" (Harcourt and Brace 1970) and David Masters' "German Jet Genesis" (Jane's Publications, 1982) note the existence of German flying discs. This should not be taken as an indication that I support the inclusion of the material, ONLY that it is in books that according to McClure "have only ever existed in the occult, paranormal and Ufological fringes". So he's wrong.

He's hopelessly wrong about other things too. US Air Intelligence Report 100-203-79, released in 1948, notes that the Horten flying wing aircraft (advanced German technology) most closely resembled the flying objects reported in the early postwar period. This is but one document that says the same thing and these points are made in my report and deliberately ignored by McClure. He is NOT interested in an investigation or in asking questions. It is more than clear that he has already answered them in his own mind and that he retreats into out and out debunking again and again.

His interest in such trashy publications as Michael X's "The German Saucer Story" (as requested by him in a "search for reference material" booklist towards the end of his letter) indicates once again that he is attempting to debunk our work by falsely associating it

with such rubbish. Anyone who has bothered to read my report will note that only one of the books in his list is referred to (negatively) in my report.

'Sufficient caution' has certainly been exercised by Bill Rose, myself and John Locker in our research into this subject.

Over 300 pages of US Army documents (released 1994 I think?) on the subject of "UFOs" make it clear that German origins are of the greatest importance. I can quote ad nauseam from these for anybody who is interested but just one quotation from a Counter Intelligence Corps (region 6) document dated 10th November 1947 is enough to be going on with:

"It is further suspected that the flying objects seen [in 1946/7 - TM] have been developed from original plans and experiments conducted by the Germans prior to the capitulation."

(The document also says that *"At the present time, construction models are being built for wind tunnel tests"* and that *"This canvass is to be made discreetly and to conceal our interest in this subject"*. No wonder this information did not appear in any of the much-vaunted 'standard' or 'conventional' texts!!!)

Incidentally, the AS6 V1 was a German circular wing aircraft that flew in 1943/44. A photograph of this is shown in hard copies of my report - again available upon request!

What about this from a declassified CIA document dated 19th October 1955:

"Project Y is being directed by John Frost. Mr. Frost is reported to have obtained his original idea for a flying disc from a group of Germans just after World War Two".

(Projects Y/Y2, P724 and the WS606 were variants of flying discs developed as part of a joint US-Canadian-British effort under the influence of Dr. Walter Miethe, who worked at the BMW plant near Prague associated with flying saucer developments during World War Two).

So much for all the evidence for our supposed "claims" being entirely taken from the occult, paranormal and Ufological fringes!

I could go on, but I don't see why I should. This kind of debunking is so typical of a UFO 'movement' that it is increasingly difficult to take seriously - unless a massive change in attitude takes place. It would seem that participants are happy with their sad little "aliens or not" arguments and occasional diversions into earth lights research. The TRUTH is that our research is right on the mark.

Perhaps that's why it's so unpopular with some. The questions should be:

1 - Could the US and its colleagues have developed various advanced/unconventional aircraft from 1946 onwards?

2 - Would the secrecy surrounding them have anything to do with their ultimate use?

The answers to both these questions would appear to be YES. This information does not necessarily exist on Waterstones' bookshelves or on Microsoft Encarta '98. That doesn't mean that we have no evidence or that new evidence cannot come to light. Under Kevin's proposals, that no meaningful information on the subject could emerge before perhaps the 1950s, then we should all give up. Luckily, this is not the case and I suggest that the answers are there.

For 50 years the majority of UFO "researchers" have been p*ss*ng in the wind with alien stories on the one hand and personal attacks, Mosleyesque scandal-mongering and debunking on the other whilst a range of circular and delta-wing aircraft have been flown under their noses. Perhaps THIS is the real story. The big question now is:

Has the UFO community been actively discouraged from looking into this or has it just taken no interest?

I suspect the latter to be the case and I suggest to the reader that UFO 'research' and wishful thinking go hand-in-hand all too often. In Kevin's case perhaps "wishing it away" might be a better description.

No doubt UFO skeptics will rally to his defence. Who really cares? I think we know the real truth of the matter.....

Tim Matthews, June 1998.

Anyone wanting a copy of Tim Matthews' **"Flying Saucers: Secret History"** can write to Tim via the Strange Daze address, or contact him by e-mail at:

matthews@zetnet.co.uk

Readers wishing to see Kevin McClure's document **"Secrets or Lies? - Investigating the Nazi UFO legends"** can write to Kevin at: 3 Claremont Grove, Leeds, LS3 1AX. Kevin also writes the excellent monthly newsletter **"Abduction Watch"**, which is recommended reading.

MORE PLUGS

While we're on the subject of recommended reading, here are some of the recent items I either like or have been paid immense sums (I wish) to advertise in Strange Daze...

Albert Budden has a new book out in August. Published by Blandford, it is titled **"Electric UFOs - Fireballs, Electromagnets and abnormal states"**. The price is yet to be fixed but will probably be around £10. This is sure to be an interesting and controversial addition to UFOlogy, so **go out and buy it**. Albert also has a book out on the Hutchison effect, mentioned previously in this issue. **"The Poltergeist Machine - The Hutchison Effect"** is an extremely limited edition available from Discovery Times Press, 17 Brook Road South, Brentford, Middle-

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sex, TW8 0NN. The cost is £10 including p&p, or £12 if overseas.

An interesting and curious read is **Rattler's Tale**, published by Anthony North from 2A Coronation Road, Walsall, West Mids WS9 9NG. The cost is only £4 for 4 issues and the content is short stories and articles on all manner of thought provoking subjects.

COLORS Also covering a huge variety of topics, but only one in each issue, is the incomparable and unique **Colors magazine**. Superb photography and interesting commentary make this essential reading if you like offbeat material, along with newsstand magazines **Fortean Times** and **Bizarre**. Somewhat expensive at £4 an issue, but it is only bi-monthly. Details from Colors Magazine, Via Ferrarezza, 31050 catena di Villorba, TV, ITALY. Also has a superb web site at <http://www.colors magazine.com>

While I haven't given reviews of the **exchange magazines** I receive for a few issues now, I'd like to thank everyone who does send me copies of their own magazines. I'm always keen to send out Strange Daze to other groups and researchers, so if you produce a magazine or newsletter please let me know and I can add you to the Strange Daze mailing list.

If any readers are interested in getting a different point of view, here's the cream of the current crop of exchanges:

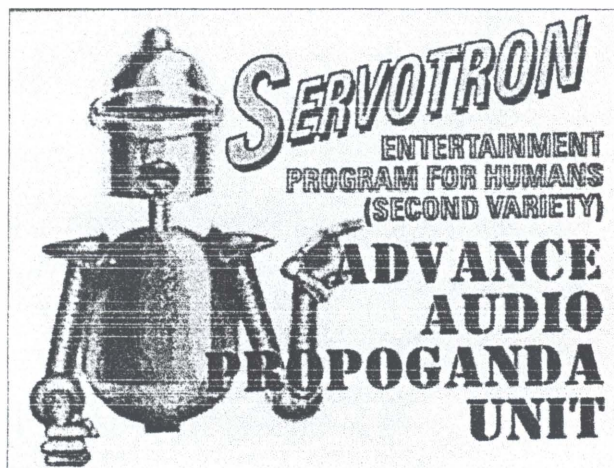
Mr David Colman, "**Cover Up**", 49 Limefield Crescent, Bathgate, West Lothian, EH48 1RF;
Anthony Eccles, "**The Researcher**", 30 Goodacre Road, Aintree, Liverpool, L9 0HQ;
Omar Fowler, "**OVNI**", 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby, DE24 9HR;
Ron Halliday, "**Phenomenal News from Scotland**", 35 Fountain Road, Bridge of Allan, Stirling, Scotland, FK9 4AU;
Cynthia Hind, "**UFO Afrinews**" PO Box MP 49, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe;
Brian P. James, "**Awareness**", 22 Eastfields, Blewbury, Didcot, OX11 9NS;
Kevin McClure, "**Abduction Watch**" 3 Claremont Grove, LEEDS, LS3 1AX;
Moirra McGhee, "**INUFOR Digest**", PO Box 783, Kogarah, NSW 2217, Australia;
"**NARO Minded**", 41 Somerset Road, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7PX;
Jenny Randles, "**Northern UFO News**", 1 Hallsteads Close, Dove Holes, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 8BS;
Mike White, "**deVillie's Advocate**", 11 Steptoe Close, Grove, Oxon, OX12 0AY;

And mention should be made of Robin Ramsay's eye-opening conspiracy magazine "**Lobster**", details from 214 Westbourne Avenue, Hull, HU15 3JB.

SPI branches out

Malcolm Robinson of Strange Phenomena Investigations up in Scotland has recently moved to London, and is starting an English branch of SPI. So if you want to get in touch with **Malcolm Robinson**, contact him now at **SPI England**, 41 Castlebar Road, Ealing, London, W5 2DJ. Tel: 0181 998 4936.

Meanwhile, SPI Scotland is being run by the very capable hands of **Billy Devlin**, who can be contacted at **SPI Scotland**, 96 Sherrifspark, Linlithgow, West Lothian, EH49 7SS. Tel: 01506 845152



AND FINALLY

A plug for top quality band **SERVOTRON**, a spin off band from **Man or Astroman**, who featured heavily in our last issue. All of you who were wise enough to go out and buy Man or Astroman CDs had better go out now and buy the above Servotron CD on Newcastle based **One Louder Records**. I caught them at the Bridge Hotel in Newcastle a few weeks ago and they were fantastic - they sound just as good live as they do on CD, with some great banter between band and audience and the keyboard player, Proto Unit V-3, is a babe to die for. Top track on the CD is "I sing! The body Cybernetic" - the music is perhaps a little more accessible than Man or Astroman - so go out and get it NOW!

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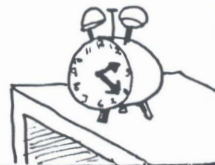
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"ARRGGHH"... ITS HAPPENED AGAIN... "THE GRAYS"... WHY DO THEY KEEP ABDUCTING ME? I MUST CONTACT DR LEON SPRINKLER



NEXT DAY



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3..2..1... STOP... OK SHAUN YOU'RE OUT OF IT...

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WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND I SHOULD DO DR SPRINKLER?



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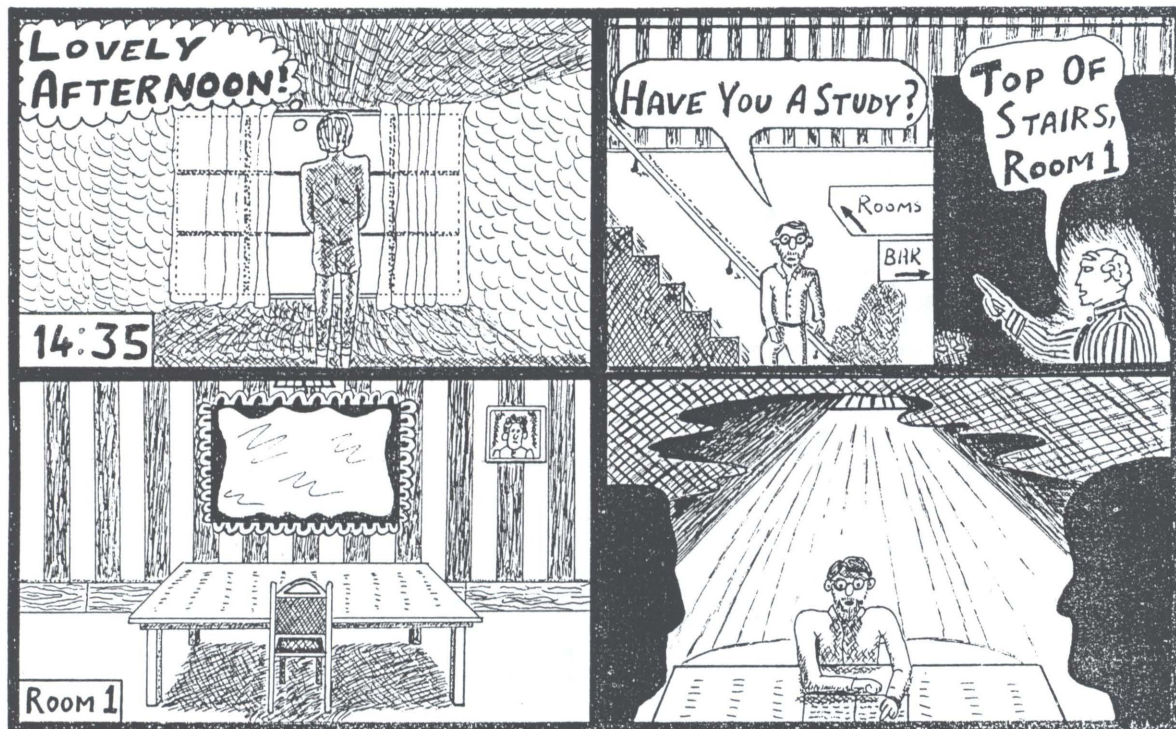


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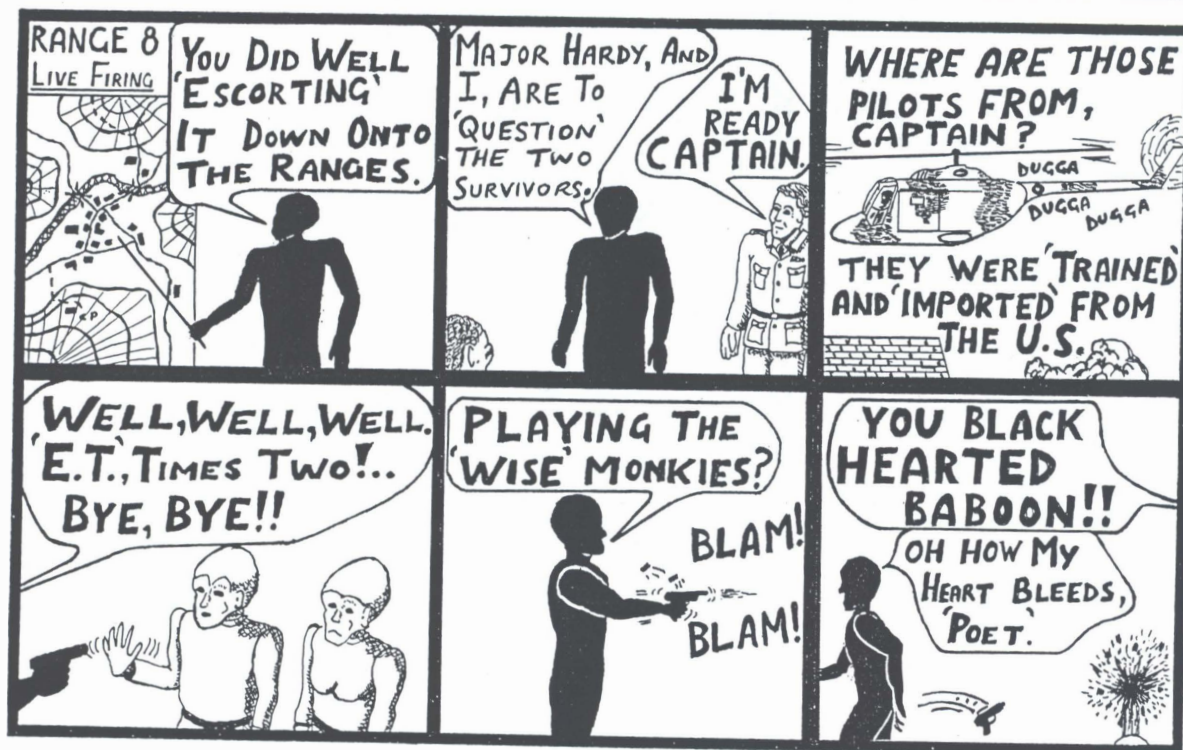
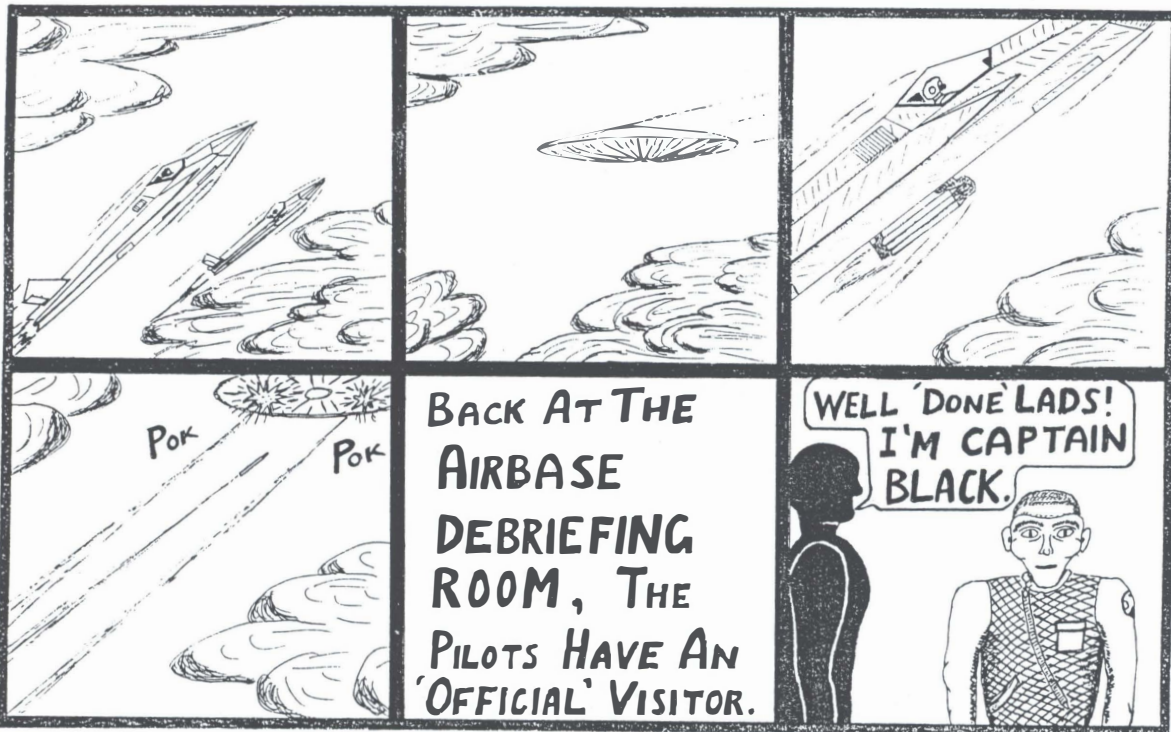
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